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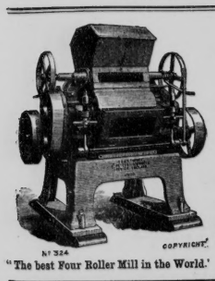

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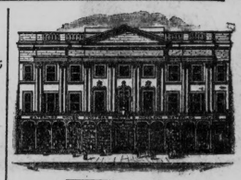
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A TRAGIC MYSTERY.

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CHAPTER X.
THE CIPHER.

It was nearly one o'clock in the morning—too late to return to Jersey City, especially as Johnson proposed to be on hand again before breakfast. If there were to be any new developments they could not be expected, he long delayed. Accordingly, he walked over to the Grand Union Hotel, in East Forty-second-street, and spent what remained of the night there. By eight o'clock he was again in sight of the Desmonds' house.

He was not a moment too soon. While he was still some distance away, he saw the door open and Colonel and Mrs. Desmond came out. The colonel wore a long ulster and Mrs. Desmond was so wrapped up as to be scarcely recognizable. They turned their corner, and walking to Sixth-avenue, took a down-town car. Johnson boarded the front platform of the car immediately following theirs. At Twenty-third-street they stopped and alighted. Johnson did the same, pulling down the brim of his hat to avoid recognition. Evidently they were going to Hanier's, and now it would go hard but he would gain some clue to the mystery.

On approaching the shop Johnson was surprised to see a large and excited crowd in front of it. A policeman was on guard before the door. Groups were talking earnestly, and staring up at the first-floor windows. The colonel and his wife had also stopped and seemed to be disconcerted. What was the matter?

Johnson singled out a man in the crowd—a round-shouldered man, with penetrating eyes set close together in his head, and a loose, shambling gait—and asked him the question.

"They say," this personage replied, giving his interrogator a sharp glance, "that the owner of this shop, a man named Hanier, was murdered here last night."

"Last night?" the other repeated, "at what time?"

"Soon after midnight, I believe," answered the man, and shambled away.

"Last night, soon after midnight!" repeated Johnson to himself. A curious thrill crept through his nerves, and he fixed his eyes with sudden intentness on the Desmonds.

The suspicion that had entered his mind seemed too monstrous for credence. Mrs. Desmond? It was impossible. Had it been the colonel who entered the shop one might have conceived . . . . but that the woman who had pressed her lips to the dead man's face only the day previous—that she, the representative by association of society, should deliberately commit a deed like this—was not to be believed. And yet, when he remembered the careful secrecy of the woman's movements, and her husband might have brought to bear upon her. And, after all, she was a Frenchwoman, and Johnson had English prejudice enough to fancy that that would account for a great deal.

But if she were indeed the perpetrator of the crime, why had she revisited the scene of it? Was it to gloat over the visible evidence of her deed? The supposition was of course absurd; but he did not expect ever to get support. She had partly pulled aside her veil, and her face expressed grief and horror. She seemed hardly to know what she was about; but the colonel, who was completely master of himself, though his sombre visage was twisted into a strangely grim expression, took her arm forcibly under his, and controlled her. They did not remain long, and on leaving, they returned home the way they had come. They did not again leave the house that day.

But the following morning Colonel Desmond made his appearance on his stoop half an hour earlier than usual, and instead of taking the Sixth-avenue Elevated down town, walked across to Third-avenue. Here he turned southward, and kept on in this direction for a half a mile or more, keeping one eye on the shops as he went. At length he passed in front of an establishment over the door of which were suspended the arms of London, and on whose ground-glass windows was inscribed the legend, "Sibley and Co., Pawnbrokers." After a moment's hesitation he crossed the threshold and went in. Robert Johnson followed him. The colonel entered one of the vacant stalls and Johnson inserted himself into the one adjoining it. These two happened to be the only customers at that moment in the shop.

The colonel was waited upon by an elderly little man with an immense nose—apparently the proprietor; and presently a younger individual appeared in front of Johnson and asked him what he wanted.

Johnson had on his watch, a tolerably effective time-piece; and though he was by no means desirous of parting with it, even temporarily, he was unable, upon the spur of the moment, to think of any less indispensable article to justify his presence in such a place. Accordingly, as deliberately as possible, he detached it from its chain, and handed it over to the merchant, who carried it away to examine it.

Meanwhile, Johnson was all ears and eyes to discover what was going on in the next stall. The colonel handed out something, and said, "How much on that?"

The old pawnbroker took up the thing and looked at it; thus bringing it for the first time within Johnson's range of vision. It was neither more nor less than a small, flattish box or case of silver, about three and a-half inches in length, and an inch thick. It was of peculiar appearance, and finely wrought and engraved. Apparently it was of foreign manufacture—neither English nor American. Upon one face of it was a monogram, which Johnson, from the glimpse he got of it, thought was composed of the letters L. H.

He could scarcely have said whether or not he were surprised at the sight of the box. It was him a start, and yet it fell in aptly with what he had, or ought to have been, expecting. At all events it enlightened in some degree his understanding of recent proceedings. It was this, undoubtedly, that had been mentioned in the colonel's note to his wife which Johnson had examined before delivering it. Had Mrs. Desmond carried it to him? Lizzie's testimony indicated that she had not. And why not? Was she unable to find it? The colonel's note had specified the right-hand drawer of his writing table as the place to look for it. If it were not there who was responsible for its disappearance? Either one of the servants, or Mrs. Desmond herself. But Mrs. Desmond had not questioned the servants; according to Lizzie, she had acted from the first as if she knew it was not to be found. That indicated that she must have known what had become of it. But, supposing that she had herself made away with it, why and how had she done so? A lady like Mrs. Desmond could have no conceivable use for a cigarette box. If she had appropriated it, therefore, it must have been in order to give it to someone else. To whom?

The only person within Johnson's knowledge to whom she could be likely to give such a thing was Louis Hanier. This idea leaped into the Englishman's mind with the effect of an inspiration. Yes, Louis Hanier must have been the recipient; she had presented it to him as a *gage d'amour*; and her agitation on getting the colonel's note had been caused by fear lest he should discover the fact and question her as to the causes of her so favouring the wine merchant.

And this must have been what had happened. She had probably tried to persuade the colonel that he had lost the case himself. But he had not been persuaded; and when he saw that night that he "would not lose it for a hundred thousand dollars," she became alarmed, and, the following morning, her resolution had given way, and she had confessed the whole affair. The colonel had thereupon ordered her to go to Hanier and recover it, and had himself accompanied her to see that his order was obeyed.

Thus far, it was comparatively plain sailing. But at this point the course became doubtful again. Leaving the murder out of the question as entirely unaccountable, and moreover, as being no concern of Johnson's, the latter was nevertheless at a loss to comprehend why the colonel had suffered his wife to enter Hanier's shop alone; why he had taken such precautions about the visit; and, above all, why, if he valued the cigarette case at such a large sum, he should now be pledging it for a few dollars at a pawn shop? As to the later point, however, Johnson made up his mind to obtain satisfaction; and here fortune favoured him.

"There was no market for things like that," said the pawnbroker, laying down the case; "but I give you five dollar on it, if you like."

"All right," returned the colonel's voice, gruffly; "but be quick about it, will you? I have an engagement down town."

The pawnbroker grunted out something, and went to get a blank ticket from the pile on the desk. Then there was some delay in finding a suitable pen, and the colonel became impatient. "What was your name and address, if you please?" inquired the merchant, at length.

The colonel seemed to hesitate a moment. Then he said, "Louis Hanier, 144, West Twenty-sixth-street."

Just then a messenger boy passed the door of the shop, calling out: "Ex-tray! Further details of the murder in West Twenty-sixth-street!"

"Are you going to keep me all day?" exclaimed the colonel, angrily.

The pawnbroker finished writing out the ticket, and handed it over. The colonel snatched it up and left the shop hurriedly. At the same time the clerk brought back the watch with the laconic observation, "Tree tollar and a-half!"

"Shall do for me," said Johnson. "Name—John Robertson: address, 1280, Broadway. Let's have the cash, please."

Pawnbrokers' tickets are kept in a consecutively numbered series, and are arranged somewhat after the fashion of a book of checks; each ticket being torn off its corresponding stub, on which the name and address of the pledgor, and the description of the article are written in duplicate. When the ticket is presented for redemption, it is compared with its stub, and if it corresponds, the article is handed out. The tickets are engraved in blank, and the blanks filled in by hand.

Now, as Johnson received the next ticket in order after the colonel's, he received a fac-simile of that ticket, except for the printed number and the written entry. But he knew that the number of the colonel's ticket was that immediately preceding his own, which was 994. This was sufficient for his purposes. He looked upon the silver cigarette case as being as good as in his own pocket. He put his ticket carefully in his pocket-book, gathered up his three-and-a-half dollars and departed.

The first thing he did was to take the train to City Hall park, whence he proceeded on foot to the printing and engraving company. Colonel Desmond, he ascertained, had arrived but a few minutes before him. In the course of the forenoon he had occasion to go to the colonel's room, to ask his directions upon some matter of business, and found him sitting moodily at his table, with an open paper on his knee.

After the business matter had been discussed, the colonel said, "This murder is a strange thing!"

"What murder is that, sir?" returned Johnson, who was not averse from learning the other's views on the subject.

"You must have heard of it—this affair in West Twenty-sixth-street—Louis Hanier."

"Yes, yes; I read something about it this morning. Row with his wife, wasn't it?"

"I think not. Hanier was a respectable, hard-working man, and came of a good stock in France. His wife was a good woman. There was no trouble between them."

"Ah! you have seen a later account than the one I read?"

The colonel paused a moment, and then looked up. "No," he said, with a certain doggedness, "I speak of my own knowledge. I formerly had some acquaintance with the man."

"Indeed?"

"He was employed in my house. He was an excellent judge of wines; he had met with misfortunes in France, and finding himself in some straits upon his arrival here, he consented to act as my butler for a time. I regret, now, that I did not urge him to remain. I did not fully appreciate his worth; I learned to know him better when—when it was too late!"

"Have you any idea who murdered him?" asked Johnson, suddenly.

"I cannot understand it; it is a complete mystery to me—a man like that! The news has quite upset me. I regard him—I looked upon him almost as a member of my own family. Mrs. Desmond feels the shock, if anything, more keenly than I do. If the police do not soon find a clue, I shall feel inclined to offer a reward for the apprehension of the murderer."

The effect of these remarks of the colonel was to carry conviction to Johnson's mind that he was guilty of the deed. That last statement in the papers that the murder was committed at one o'clock had inclined him to reconsider his first suspicion of Mrs. Desmond. It was clear that the colonel must have gone back after taking his wife home and shot down the object of his jealousy in cold blood. He would have had just time to do this, and Johnson regretted that he had not waited a few minutes instead of going to his hotel; had he done so he would have had proof positive against the murderer in his possession. As it was there was nothing more than a moral certainty. The colonel's declarations of esteem for his victim and of his intention of offering a reward for the capture of the assassin was ludicrously transparent. The dullest intelligence could see that his object was to forestall inquiry. He fancied it would be safer to avow his former connection with Hanier than to leave it to be discovered. Had he been aware of the extent of Johnson's information he would certainly have chosen someone else as his confidant. As to the colonel's remark about his wife being even more distressed than he there was a glib fib humour about it that made Johnson smile grimly. Mrs. Desmond's present state of mind must indeed be an unenviable one.

"It is none of my business," said Johnson to himself—"but at any rate I have something else to attend to first. But after that is done, if the colonel offers a reward large enough to make it worth while I think I should be strongly tempted to do something to earn it."

When office hours were over, Johnson betook himself to his lodgings in Jersey City, where he found Mr. Pond, various curio ity by informing her that he had been sent to Boston on a business mission and had only just returned. After eating a good dinner he went up to his room and locked the door. He lit a lamp, screening the light with a sheet of white tracing paper, produced from his portmanteau a silver plate and engraving materials, replaced the pawn ticket in front of him, and set to work. He laboured steadily for a couple of hours, and then, as he was already late and he had considerable arrear of sleep to make up, he put away his materials, extinguished the light, and went to bed.

The few succeeding evenings were passed in the same manner. At length the work was done, and the next day after leaving the office of the company, Robert John on instead of crossing the river as usual, took the car up Sixth-avenue and made another visit to the barber's shop in the block above Tenth-street.

About an hour after we do, a man in a long ulster, with a grey beard and dark eyebrows over-shadowed by a black felt hat, walked into Mr. Sibley's pawnbroking establishment on Third Avenue. He entered one of the stalls and said to the clerk who presented himself, "I pawned a silver box here on December 31st, 1893. Number 1883. I want to redeem it."

"Let's see your ticket," returned the clerk.

The customer put a ticket down on the counter. "There you are!" said he.

The clerk took up the slip of paper, glanced at the number and description, and retired to the desk. Having verified it by the stub, he whistled up a tube, pulled the rope of a sort of miniature elevator, and after several minutes returned with the silver cigarette case. He then computed on a bit of paper the amount of interest due on the loan, received payment, and gave it to the customer. The latter promptly paid the sum demanded, thrust the silver case in his pocket and stalked out of the shop.

He ran rather than walked to Twenty-third-street, where he jumped on board a cross-town car that happened to be passing. Leaving it at Sixth-avenue, he soon arrived at the barber's shop, sprang down the steps, and burst into the room. The dark-visaged man was there alone.

"Well?" he said, briefly.

"I have got it," said the other.

"Anything in it?"

"I haven't looked yet. First let me get off this stuff." As he spoke he threw off his hat and ulster and removed the grey beard from his face. A wet sponge caused the blackness from his eyebrows to disappear, and left visible as the blonde and rosy Robert Johnson. The dark man then turned off the gas in the shop and locked the street door, and the two retired into the inner room. Here they seated themselves at the table, and Johnson produced the cigarette case. They examined its interior carefully for several minutes, occasionally using a magnifying glass.

"I find nothing particular so far," observed the dark man, at last. "Do you?"

"Not a scratch."

"We'll try the inside, then."

The case was fastened with an ordinary catch, and opened readily. The interior was smooth and heavily gilt. There was no sign of any contents. The two men exchanged a look of chagrin.

"I don't think that a hundred thousand dollars," remarked the dark man, shaking his head.

"Let me try again," returned Johnson, taking the case in his hand; and then that night

He felt it over delicately with the tips of his fingers. He pinched it softly in various places. He held it up to his ear and shook it, listening intently. He compared the weight of the two sides of the case as it lay open in his hands. At last he said: "We're not beat yet. This is a trick box. Look here: this lining is smooth. That shows the box is not solid; for if it were the marks of the tools would show through. Now, the lining is separate from the outside case, and has been soldered in. Well, now, this side is at least an eighth of an inch thicker than the other. If we take out the lining we shall find something."

"You may be right," returned the dark man; "but if there is a secret receptacle there, it won't be necessary to take out the lining. The case must be a spring somewhere. Now I think of it, I have seen a box like this somewhere before. The spring was in the hinge—ah! there you are!"

While he was speaking Johnson had pressed the point of his pen-knife against what appeared to be the head of a screw, and was fastening the hinge to the plate. The effect was to cause the whole lining of that side of the box to start forward, disclosing a receptacle which, though not so deep as a well, was of sufficient dimensions to contain a miniature portrait or a bank-note.

As a matter of fact, it contained neither; but a slip of vellum, three inches long by two in breadth, on which were inscribed some curious characters.

"You've hit it!" exclaimed the dark man, forgetting his usual impassivity, and speaking in tone of manifest exultation. "There's your hundred thousand dollars, sure enough!"

"It looks like it, certainly," said Robert Johnson, taking the bit of vellum out of the case, and scrutinizing it with sparkling eyes.

The writing consisted of the letters of the alphabet, arranged in columns, and, opposite each letter, a corresponding character of peculiar form. The two men studied it eagerly.

"This can't be all," said the dark man, at last. "It explains a part but not the whole. There ought to be more."

Robert Johnson turned the bit of vellum over. Both emitted an exclamation of satisfaction. On the reverse side was written a number of syllables of common occurrence, each translated by an eccentric sign. Taken in connection with the alphabet, this gave the key to the whole secret which the two men were investigating.

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FOOTBALL NOTES.

[BY HALF-BACK.]

Ipswich Town secured a popular and meritorious victory on Saturday over St. Mary's Hospital, and one that was scarcely expected when the teams were published on Saturday morning. Saturday witnessed the marriage of one who for many years wore the striped shirt with the greatest possible credit to himself. Mr. Percy Turner, in his position on the outside right, was one of the smartest forwards the county has turned out, and has contributed in no mean manner to many a victory of the Town club. It is now two or three seasons since this speedy right winger has appeared upon the turf to trundle the merry sphere, but his memory is still fresh amongst the numerous visitors at the Portman Road enclosure, who now admire the skill of his worthy successor, Ernest Oxborrow.

It was therefore an appropriate compliment to their old comrade that the Town should win a hard-fought fight in honour of the day, while his wedding bells were ringing out gladly to cheer them on in the struggle with their formidable opponents. St. Mary's Hospital have for the last two seasons been the runners up for the Hospitals Cup, and this fact is abundant testimony of their capabilities. The reason of the victory was not far to seek. There was a marked improvement in the play of the Town forwards, and although Percy Turner was an absentee C. C. Barnes acquitted himself at times in an excellent manner, and should with a little more practice make an extremely useful man.

Ratcliff was in stunning form and easily carried off the palm amongst the front rank, the manner in which he scored the first goal being highly praiseworthy. Catchpole's runs were deserving of considerable praise, but he is inclined to be lazy and entirely declines to assist in the defence, a fault he should lose no time in correcting. Towns worked gamely all through, but has an unhappy knack of ignoring his partner on the left. Oxborrow gave his man plenty of opportunities on the other hand, at the same time not neglecting his own work.

Of the defence the chief feature was the marked improvement of Walford, and were it not for one grave miscalculation which gave his opponents a goal, his performance would have been very praiseworthy. He has yet, however, a good bit to learn in the matter of kicking. Bailey was in the best of humour, while of the halves Woods again bore of the palm, although hard pressed by Haward. The captain, however, seems still considerably out of form. Cornell's post was no sinecure, but he behaved in a cool, praiseworthy manner, and had no chance with any but the last of the three goals scored against him, which a taller man could not be forgiven for missing.

The Harwich and Parkeston ground on Saturday was the scene of some unpleasantness. The enclosure has certainly had an almost unique experience in the matter of uncongenial gatherings, and the Harwich people have not, I am sorry to say, always been blameless in the matter. On Saturday, however, from all appearances they were agressed and not the aggressors. A regiment freshly imported to Colchester (the 8th Liverpool) paid the seasiders a visit, and according to testimony received from various sources, behaved themselves in as unsportsmanlike a manner as it was possible for them to do, foul play and foul language being alike extensively indulged in; so much that the referee stopped the game about twenty minutes before the proper time. Some considerable colouring is given to the alleged misbehaviour by a letter of apology which has since been received by the Harwich and Parkeston Secretary.

Hollesley College turned out for their first match of the season against Halesworth at the latter town on Saturday, but received some very rough treatment indeed. The home men simply made rings round their visitors, scoring nine times to two, although one or two of their crack men were absent from the team. The Colonists took the field last season in a very different manner, and during the earlier months of that season covered themselves with distinction, even giving Ipswich Town a very tough task to beat them upon the Portman Road ground. Their performance on Saturday was much below the average of the Hollesley College teams of former years. Let us hope they will soon pick up their missing form.

The Ipswich Middle School Past and Present, flushed with the 12 to 1 victory over Colchester on the Thursday preceding, journeyed with some amount of confidence to Saxmundham on Saturday, to oppose the Hurts Hall Park men, and judging by the result of the meeting, it may be considered that that confidence was not altogether misplaced. What can have come to the Saxmundham boys? I certainly expected the Ipswich men would win, but did not think the difference would have been five goals. Such, however, was the case, and the home men are now engaged in hiding their diminished heads. The Saxmundham forwards seem to be the weakest spot in the team, and of course were all at sea against the fine defence of the I.M.S.P.P.

A splendid battle was the result of the meeting of the rival printers of Bungay and Beccles, at Bungay. With the exception of a disallowed goal (on account of fouling the goal-keeper), which was scored by the Caxtonians, the sphere was not put through the uprights during the whole 20 minutes' play. This should be an exceedingly high testimonial to the defence on both sides, and especially to that of Chaucer Press, when the well-known capabilities of the Caxton forwards are taken into consideration. The match should have ranked as a North Suffolk League game but for the unfortunate suspension of that institution.

This afternoon the gallant "Stripes" will be figuring in London against the Vampires, and all the best wishes of their numerous admirers at home will accompany the eleven—which, with the exception of Stanley Turner in the place of Barnes, will be identical with that of Saturday—in this venture. The Reserves will occupy the Portman Road enclosure against the Brantham Athletic men, while a good match may be witnessed between the Ipswich Middle School Past and Present and Cowell's on Christchurch Park.

Everton received their first reverse at Blackburn on Saturday, the Rovers proving one goal too many for them. At the same time their fellow townsmen (Liverpool) were scoring at home against Stoke, their first win of the season. The remaining matches in the first division of the League on Saturday ended as follows:—Bolton Wanderers and Burnley played a draw, 1—1. At Preston the North Enders beat Wolverhampton Wanderers, 2—1. Aston Villa and Small Heath played a draw, 2—2, as did also West Bromwich Albion and Derby County at the former town. On Monday, Sheffield United succeeded in beating Aston Villa at Sheffield by 2—1. The table, revised to date, stands as under:—

	Plyd.	Won	Lost	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Everton	9	8	1	0	33	11	16
Sheffield United	10	6	2	2	21	12	14
Preston North End	10	6	2	2	18	13	14
Sunderland	7	6	1	0	22	7	12
Blackburn Rovers	9	4	2	3	20	16	11
Sheffield Wednesday	8	5	3	0	17	15	10
Aston Villa	9	4	4	1	15	15	9
Burnley	9	3	3	3	17	17	9
Small Heath	9	3	4	2	16	21	8
Bolton Wanderers	9	2	5	2	13	16	6
Notts Forest	8	3	5	0	14	20	6
Wolverhampton W.	9	3	6	0	14	21	6
Liverpool	10	1	5	4	13	23	6
West Bromwich Albion	7	2	4	1	15	15	5
Derby County	7	1	5	1	8	20	3
Stoke	8	1	6	1	9	23	3

The results of the Second Division were as follows:—Bury 5, *Crewe Alexandra 1; Darwen 4, *Manchester City 2; *Burslem Port Vale 1, Burton Wanderers 0 *Leicester Fosse 4, Newcastle United 4; Newton Heath 2, *Burton Swifts 1; Grimsby Town 5, *Lincoln City 1; Woolwich Arsenal 2, *Rotherham 1. Played on the grounds of the clubs marked*. The corrected table revised to date is given below:—

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drn	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Bury	8	7	1	0	25	11	14
Grimsby Town	10	6	4	0	34	23	12
Notts County	7	5	1	1	17	8	11
Burton Swifts	9	5	4	0	20	15	10
Darwen	8	4	3	1	21	9	9
Manchester City	10	4	5	1	26	25	9
Woolwich Arsenal	8	4	3	1	21	21	9
Burton Wanderers	8	4	3	1	13	13	9
Newcastle United	8	3	2	3	21	23	9
Newton Heath	6	3	1	2	15	9	8
Walsall Town Swifts	8	4	4	0	14	17	8
Rotherham Town	9	3	6	0	16	22	6
Burslem Port Vale	8	2	5	1	8	16	5
Lincoln City	7	2	5	0	13	28	4
Leicester Fosse	7	1	5	1	14	20	3
Crewe Alexandra	7	1	6	0	8	26	2

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MARRIAGES.

BAXTER—NORMAN.—22nd October, at Eye parish church, by the Rev. W. H. Chambers, M.A. (curate), Frederick William, only son of Mr. E. P. Baxter, of Bures St. Mary, to Lucy, second daughter of Mr. George Norman, sen., Eye.

NUGENT—SCARFF.—23rd October, at St. Pancras Church, Ipswich, George Frederick Nugent, youngest son of G. F. Nugent, of Nottingham, to Edith Ellen (Nellie) Scarff, eldest daughter of the late William Scarff.

DEATHS.

ANDREWS.—18th October, at Rendham, John Andrews, aged 73 years.

BRUNDELL.—13th October, at Gillingham, Emma, the beloved wife of John M. Brundell, aged 57 years.

BRUNDELL.—23rd October, at 8, Chalon Street, Charles Brundell, aged 64 years.

CLARKE.—22nd October, Elizabeth Mary, the dearly beloved daughter of George and Elizabeth Clarke, The Lodge, Foxhall, aged 11 months.

CHAPMAN.—19th October, at 2, Llanstephan Villa, St. John's Road, Sarah, the beloved wife of William Chapman, and eldest daughter of the late Robert and Sarah Curtis, of Holbrook.

FENN.—17th October, at 43, Emlen Street, Ipswich, suddenly, William Fenn, the beloved husband of Tirzah Fenn, in his 45th year.

GODBOLD.—23rd October, William Charles, eldest son of the late Charles Godbold, 14, Dial Lane, Ipswich, aged 43 years.

GANNON.—21st October, at the Stonehouse, Aldringham, Edward Michael Gannon, J.P., aged 75 years.

HOWE.—21st October, at the East Suffolk Hospital, David Howe, the beloved father of the late Arthur Howe, aged 74, both of Barham Green.

LAST.—21st October, at Halesworth, Edward Last, late of Aldeby, aged 76 years.

NIBLOE.—20th October, at Woodside House, Whetstone, suddenly, in her 54th year, Jemima M. Nibloe, widow of the late J. T. Nibloe, of Ipswich, and daughter of the late Thomas Morris, of Wix Lodge, Essex.

POPPY.—21st October, Mary Emma, youngest daughter of Thomas Poppy, Heath Farm, Homersfield, aged 17 years.

PIZZY.—18th October, at Ixworth, Caroline, aged 27, the youngest and dearly-loved daughter of Sarah and the late Edwin Gissing Pizzy, veterinary surgeon.

SMITH.—20th October, at New Street, Woodbridge, Robert William Smith, aged 44 years.

SMITH.—10th October, at his residence, 9, James Street, Thomas Smith, for many years in the employ of Messrs. J. Fison and Co., aged 70 years.

TILLETT.—22nd October, at the residence of her daughter, 43, Crown Street, Ipswich, Phœbe, relict of the late Henry Tillett, Leicester Square, London, aged 67, after a long and painful affliction.

TURNER.—19th October, at 28, Waterloo Street, Ipswich, James Turner, late of Westerfield, aged 75 years.

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MORTALITY IN IPSWICH.

An Abstract of the Return of Deaths for the week ending Saturday, October 20th, 1894.

East Suffolk Hospital—diphtheria and tracheotomy, 6 years, male.
Borough Fever Hospital—scarlet fever and nepthritis, 12 years, female.
Ranelagh Road—puerperal fever, 24 years, female.
Prospect Road—premature birth, 1 day, female.
Lower Barclay Street—premature birth, 1 day, female.
Woodbridge Road—premature birth, 1 day, male.
Emlen Street—bronchitis and phthisis, 45 years, male.
Salisbury Road—phthisis, 11 months, male.
Wycks Bishop Street—phthisis, 4 years, female.
Great Whip Street—phthisis, 39 years, male.
Mumford Road—phthisis, 42 years, female.
Union Workhouse—phthisis, 66 years, male.
Castle Street—apoplexy, 52 years, male.
James Street—heart disease, 70 years, male.
Fitzroy Street—liver disease and dropsy, 53 years, female.
Fonnereau Road—cancer, 79 years, female.
East Suffolk Hospital—cancer, 74 years, male.
St. John's Road—cancer, 71 years, female.

Males, 9; females, 9; total, 18.
Annual death-rate in Ipswich for the week 15.9 per 1,000.

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The Registrar-General reports the annual rate of mortality in 33 great towns of England and Wales last week averaged 17 per 1,000. The rate in Norwich was 12, and in West Ham 14.

ROYALTY AT NORWICH.

CONVERSION OF THE CASTLE INTO A MUSEUM.

The Duke and Duchess of York visited Norwich on Tuesday and formally opened the museum into which the Norman Keep of the Castle has been converted. The weather was beautifully fine, and the streets were filled with people while decorations were general. An illuminated address was presented to his Royal Highness, who, in reply, said as the Castle had been first a fortress, then a prison, there must have been more sorrow than joy in its history. He congratulated the citizens on having changed the prison cells for art galleries. After luncheon the royal party visited the cookery school and the Cathedral. The occasion was also taken advantage of to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the granting of the charter of incorporation.

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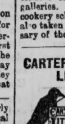

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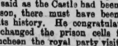

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ANGLING ON THE GIPPING.—Mr. H. Binks had some very fine sport in the river Gipping on Saturday afternoon, bagging 84 roach, weight 24lbs. The fish were weighed at Claydon Station. This is the second 24lbs. Mr. Binks has caught in a month.

IPSWICH ENDOWED SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.—Margaret Budd, a pupil of this school, has won the prize for excellency in pianoforte playing given by the London College of Music to the candidate who gains the highest number of marks in their examinations at each centre.

A WARNING TO IPSWICH BOYS.—Arthur Carr, 14, and Robert Bowman, 15, both of Ipswich, pleaded guilty to a charge of throwing stones at the insulators on the telegraph poles at Wherstead. Defendants were on Tuesday each fined by the Samford Justices 10s., or seven days.

AN IPSWICH MUSICAL STUDENT'S SUCCESS.—The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Bennett, of Ipswich, will learn with much satisfaction that their daughter, Miss Marguerite Bennett, has just received an intimation that her Gilstrap Scholarship, at the Royal College of Music, will be renewed for another year from next Christmas.

ST. MARGARET'S (IPSWICH) RANGERS' QUOIT CLUB.—The annual supper was held at St. Margaret's Coffee Room on Tuesday evening, and Mr. Samuel Marshall, the secretary, was the recipient of a suitable gift, in acknowledgment of the able way in which he had discharged his duties. Handicap and average prizes were presented to the winners by the Chairman, Mr. S. Barry.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—HONOUR FOR THE IPSWICH SECRETARY.—At a Chapter General of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, held on August 9th, Miss Coulcher, local hon. secretary of the Ipswich centre of St. John Ambulance Association, was selected for enrolment as an honorary associate of the Order, which selection has since received the sanction and approval of her Majesty the Queen, the Sovereign Head and Patron of the Order.

NEW GYMNASIUM FOR IPSWICH.—A new gymnasium for the Station Street Institute, Ipswich, was opened on Monday evening. It has been built mainly through the efforts of Miss Everett and the result of the Orwell Lodge bazaar. Mr. W. F. Paul presided, and in a short address spoke of the untiring efforts of Miss Everett on behalf of the youth of Stoke. The main feature of the evening was a clever gymnastic performance by Mr. Standwell, and other members of the Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium. A presentation of a leather dressing-case was made to Mr. Palmer by the members of his class.

IPSWICH C.E.T.S.—The annual meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society will be held on Monday and Tuesday next at Ipswich. The Rev. Dr. Porter, vicar of All Saints, Southport, will preach at St. Margaret's Church on Monday evening, and there will be a conference in the Town Hall under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Garratt, on Tuesday at three p.m., when addresses will be delivered by Dr. Porter, Mr. G. Cubitt, J.P., and others. The annual meeting for the deanery of Ipswich will be held in the Public Hall, in the evening, when the Mayor of Ipswich will preside. A large choir will sing a selection of hymns and songs during the evening. For full particulars see our advertising columns.

IPSWICH HORSE SALE.—Messrs. Spurling and Sons' fortnightly horse sale took place on Tuesday. There was a large attendance of buyers, and a better demand for all classes of horses. Principal prices in guineas:—Bay cob, 7 years, 14½; roan cob, rising 4 years, 17; roan mare, 9 years, 25½; chesnut mare, 15; bay foal, 8; bay gelding, 5 years, 15½; bay gelding, 4 years, 15; black cart filly, 2 years, 23; bay colt, 2 years, 21; black yearling, 17; grey gelding, 12; bay mare, 4 years, 29; chesnut mare, 7 years, 10; chesnut mare, 8 years, 28½; foal from ditto, 14½; chesnut gelding, 2 years, 19½; bay horse, 18; chesnut mare, 4 years, 15; a two-year-old colt, 24.

INTERMENTS IN IPSWICH CEMETERY.—Friday: Henry Gray, 66 years, St. Clement's. Saturday: George Gray, 39 years, St. Peter's; Ada E. Charlton, 24 years, St. Mary Stoke; Matthew Spencer, 75 years, St. Margaret's; Sarah Parker, 53 years, St. Margaret's; Daisey E. Simmons, 12 years, Holy Trinity. Monday: Mary A. Laughlin, 42 years, All Saints; William Fenn, 45 years, St. Matthew. Wednesday: Charles Shemming, infant, Holy Trinity; Sarah Chapman, 71 years, St. John; Thomas Smith, 70 years, St. Nicholas; John Cooke, 9 years, St. Mary Stoke; James Turner, 75 years, St. Matthew's; Wm. Naylor, 51 years, St. Margaret's. Thursday: Maria L. Wright, 70 years, St. Matthew; Elizabeth Morphew, 64 years, St. Peter.

SWIMMING RACE AT ST. CLEMENT'S BATHS.—On Tuesday night, at St. Clement's Baths, a race took place between a team from Waterloo House S.C., and one from Cowell's S.C. A splendid start was made, both men entering the water together. A neck-and-neck race took place, both men turning at the same moment, and it was very doubtful which was ahead; but by a terrific spurt Cowell's man (J. W. Bardwell) touched just before the one from Waterloo (J. W. Read), and it gave his second man a slight advantage, which he succeeded in holding, despite R. Ward's exertions. The place of R. F. Bardwell was now taken by J. Cordle, who was immediately followed into the water by J. Goodwin, of the Waterloo. These men swam well, and although J. Goodwin made a desperate spurt, he could not succeed in passing his opponent, and J. Cordle won by about a length.

NEW RECREATION ROOM IN ST. JOHN'S.—The need of a recreation room in the parish of St. John's has long been felt, and has been temporarily supplied by the occasional use of the parish room. By private subscriptions, amounting to nearly £65, the want has now been definitely met by the erection of a building of corrugated iron with pitchpine interior, near the church. Though belonging to the Vicar and his wardens it will be open to all, irrespective of religion or politics, at a subscription of 1s. a quarter, and already 47 members have been enrolled. The inaugural gathering was held on Tuesday evening, the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. King) presiding. The Rev. Harper-Smith (curate) and Mr. E. Fison made the financial statement, showing a small deficit. Lord John Hervey explained the advantages of affiliation with the Suffolk Village Club Association. Mr. A. F. Vulliamy gave an address, and the Rev. Wickham Tozer suggested that a branch free library should be established in the district of St. John's.

DEATH FROM SYNCOPE AT IPSWICH.—On Monday evening the Ipswich Borough Coroner inquired into the death of a widow named Sarah Hill, at the Harmony Square Mission Room, Woodbridge Road. Deceased was the relict of James Hill, a pensioner from the East India Company, who had lately lived in apartments with Mr. W. Bedwell, at 24, Bartholomew Street. About 6.30 on Tuesday morning Mr. Bedwell heard a groaning noise from the deceased's room, and not obtaining an answer to his question as to whether the deceased had called, he went up to her room, and found her sitting on a chair with blood flowing from her mouth. Mr. Randall, assistant to Mr. S. O. Eades, surgeon, was called, but the deceased was dead on his arrival.—Mr. Robert Randall, as the result of an external examination, deposed that death was due to syncope, the result of hemorrhage, probably caused by the rupture of a large blood-vessel in the chest. Verdict "Death from natural causes."

PRIZE SHOOTING AT ALDEBURGH.—The annual prize shooting of No. 7 Battery 1st N.B. Vol. E.D.R.A. took place on Monday. A strong breeze from E.S.E. was blowing, which, striking the shingle bank on the foreshore, came on to the range in many forms, making the shooting very defective. Principal scores:—Sergt. C. Beart 45, Sergt. T. Waller 45, Sergt. W. Chatten 44, Gun. Hayward 42, Bombr. Banyard 42, Bombr. Smith 40, Gun. Whistler 38, Lieut.-Col. Smyth 38, Gun. W. Martin 37, Bdmbr. Lovett 35, Gun. Allerton 35, Gun. Drew 34, Corpl. Pearce 34, Sergt.-Major Turner 32, Sergt Basham 32, Gun. Roy Smyth 32, Gun. E Rogers 31, Gun. Bridges 31, Gun. T. Pallant 29, Gun. J. Hearn 29, Gun. J Lissell 27, Corpl. Hammond 22, Gun. Felgate 22, Gun. Ashley 20. The prizes were distributed at the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening by Lieut.-Col. S. W. Smyth, the officer commanding.

DRUNK IN CHARGE AT BENTLEY.—Thomas Steward, woodman, of Bentley, was charged at Samford Sessions on Tuesday with drunkenness while driving a horse and cart.—Sergt Stannard met the defendant's horse and van in East Bergholt on the night of the 16th October. Finding the reins dragging on the ground behind the animal, he wondered what had become of the driver. On looking in the cart he discovered defendant lying asleep and intoxicated.—The Magistrates imposed a fine of 5s., with 9s. 6d. costs, or seven days' hard labour.

SUICIDE OF A BOXFORD PUPIL TEACHER.—On Friday evening, Miss Alice Godden, daughter of Chas. Godden, butcher and dealer, was missed. Miss Godden had for several years been pupil teacher at the National School, Boxford, and no supicion was aroused till the little son of Mr. Godden came home and asked why Alice had not been to school. The police were communicated with, and at nine o'clock search was instituted by the river side. The search continued until half-past twelve without success. On Saturday morning her father resumed the search at daybreak, and about ten minutes past six discovered his daughter in the river at a spot where the water is about eight feet deep. With the help of his son he succeeded in bringing the body to the bank. At the inquest on Monday, a verdict of "Suicide while temporarily insane" was returned.

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ENTERPRISE AT BUNGAY.—Through the enterprise of the printing firm of Messrs. Clay and Sons, of Bungay, there is now located in the mill pool at the head of the navigation belonging to Mr. Chas. Marston, miller, a boat of burden (10 tons), driven by one of Priestman's 5 horse power oil engines. It travels at the rate of seven miles an hour, and costs 2½d. per hour for fuel, and will carry paper between Bungay and Yarmouth.

BUNGAY CHURCH INSTITUTE.—At the first meeting of this Institute, on Monday, the Rev. J. A. Fletcher spoke on "Parish Councils." He said he felt it was a good thing for the Church that the parish charities were no longer to be distributed by the Church officers. Remarks were also made by the Revs. R. H. Sneyd, W. Boyce, and A. E. Osborne, and others.

A BUNGAY BOY DROWNED AT SEA.—The Lowestoft smack Brothers came in on Sunday morning with her flag at half-past, the cook, a lad of about 17, named Frederick Atkins, of Bungay, having been drowned while the vessel was at sea during the previous day. The lad went to the side of the smack to empty a bucket of water, when, owing to a lurch, he was thrown into the sea. He sank almost immediately, and there was no chance of rescuing him.

BUNGAY—WAIFS AND STRAYS.—On Tuesday evening a meeting was held in the Holy Trinity Church Room, in aid of the C.E.W. and S. Society, the Rev. J. A. Fletcher presiding. An address was given by the Rev. Alf. Hunt (clerical deputation secretary Eastern Dioceses), who spoke as to the home-life of the members, and as to the decrease of crime during the last few years, at a saving to the country of a quarter of a million a-year. The Society had sent out 2,000 young people, and now had in their homes 2,069. There were 20,000 persons in London who get up in the morning not knowing where to go for the next meal. An address was also given by Mr. E. T. Dowson. Miss Jessie Hartcup accompanied on the piano.

DESTRUCTIVE STACK FIRE AT COMBS.—Shortly after six o'clock on Saturday night, a fire broke out on the premises of Mr. Henry Brook, miller and farmer, Combs, when a wheat stack, a barley straw stack, and a bean stack were consumed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A CAPEL ST. MARY FARMER IN TROUBLE.—Wm. Kettle, farmer, Capel St. Mary, was summoned before the Samford Justices on Tuesday for assaulting Henry Cheverton, aged 11 years, near the Capel Board School.—The boy said that on the 12th October he was running after the defendant's son (who had been throwing stones at him), when Kettle came after him, and beat him severely with a whip.—Florence Wright, 11, corroborated Cheverton's evidence, and Mary Finch gave evidence that the boy had wheals on his legs.—Defendant pleaded not guilty, and called his son as a witness.—Fined 2s. 6d. and £1 0s. 6d. costs.

HOSPITAL COLLECTIONS AT CRETINGHAM.—The annual gathering on behalf of the East Suffolk Hospital, with specially prepared sermons by the vicar (Rev. Henry Brown), was held at the church on Sunday. Whilst acknowledging the voluntary gifts of flowers and fruits for harvest decorations, the Vicar thought fit to state, in the presence of the larger congregation of the afternoon, that the best church decorations are a good number of worshippers in frequent regular attendance at the services.

LECTURE IN THE CORN HALL, DISS.—The Rev. T. I. Jarrott, of Ipswich, on Tuesday evening, lectured in the Corn Hall, Diss, on the Passion Play at Ober-Ammergau in 1890, which he visited, and took several photographs which have been reproduced with the aid of a powerful lantern. The lecture was much appreciated.

END OF THE VOLUNTEER SHOOTING SEASON AT DISS.—The third and final competition for the season in connection with the Shooting Club of the B Company, 4th V.B.N.R., took place at the range, Wortham Ling, on Saturday afternoon, nine members taking part in the same. Scores:—Prvt. Barham, 55 points (handicap 10); Corpl. Cullum, 52 (9); Prvt. Leggett, 52 (8); Corpl. Digby, 50 (13); Prvt. Dalton, 49 (3); Prvt. Easto, 46 (8); Prvt. Cann, 46 (1); Prvt. Kitchen, 45; Prvt. Scott, 45.

TRAP ACCIDENT NEAR DISS.—On Tuesday night, about nine o'clock, a trap accident occurred at Pulham St. Mary, near Diss. Mrs. Gallant, of Rushall, was driving to meet her husband, who had been to Norwich by train, and when near the railway station the horse stumbled and fell to the ground. The horse sustained severe injuries to the knees and one shoulder. The cart was somewhat damaged, one shaft having been broken off. The occupant, although very much frightened, received no serious injury.

THE LATE CURATE OF EAST BERGHOLT.—At Hadleigh County Court on Saturday application was made for a judgment summons against the Rev. Herbert Brittain, clerk in holy orders, late of East Bergholt, in respect of a debt of £5, the balance of an account for groceries supplied by Shadrach Kerridge, grocer, of East Bergholt. Defendant at the last Court offered to pay £3 down and £1 a month till the debt was discharged, but he had failed to keep his promise.—Mr. W. S. Calvert, of East Bergholt, who appeared for the defendant, said he had been appointed to the curacy of St. Clement's, Notting Hill, and would pay the full amount of the claim at Christmas.—The Judge made a committal order for 21 days, suspended three months.

LANTERN ENTERTAINMENT AT EYE.—On Monday evening, Mr. H. Fairfax Woolnough gave, by request, an interesting magic lantern entertainment to a large number of boys and girls belonging to the working classes of the town at the infants' schoolroom. The first part of the programme contained pictures of beautiful scenery in the far West, whilst the second was of a lighter character, and included pictures illustrative of "Robinson Crusoe" and "The Jackdaw of Rheims." Mr. Woolnough's kindness was rewarded by a hearty vote of thanks.

WEDDING AT EYE.—The firing of the ancient town guns at intervals, and other demonstrations of rejoicing in Castle Street, on Monday, told plainly that an interesting event was being celebrated in that part of the borough. This was none other than the marriage of Frederick William Baxter, only son of Mr. E. P. Baxter, of the Swan Inn, Bures St. Mary, to Lucy, second daughter of Mr. George Norman, sen., fishmonger, of Eye. The ceremony was performed at the parish church in the presence of a numerous congregation by the Rev. W. H. Chambers, M.A. (curate). The bride was the happy recipient of a large number of presents. The Misses E. and A. Norman (sisters of the bride) attended as bridesmaids.

FRAMLINGHAM POOR-RATE.—On Saturday a poor-rate of 1s. in the £ for the ensuing half-year and a special sanitary rate of 6d. in the £ for the parish of Framlingham, were signed by the Magistrates.

DRUNK IN CHARGE AT FRAMLINGHAM.—Elijah Cook, Charsfield, was charged, at the Court House, on Saturday, with being drunk while in charge of a horse and trap at Framlingham.—Police-constable Crissall saw the defendant in the Crown and Anchor yard, about to drive off, but as he did not consider him in fit state to drive, and as the night was very dark, he had the horse taken out. Later, however, he allowed defendant to proceed.—Fined 2s. 6d. and 9s. 6d. costs.

SEQUEL TO A QUARREL AT FRAMLINGHAM.—William Merritt, labourer, was charged at the Framlingham Sessions on Saturday with causing a breach of the peace in Double Street. Henry Hearn said Henderson (the defendant in a previous case) was in the Farriers' Arms Inn; he asked for a quart beer, but was refused by the landlord. He then became troublesome, and said he could fight the best man in the town. He threw up his hat in the room, and the challenge was taken up by defendant. They went outside and as soon as Henderson got out, the defendant struck him several knock down blows.—Defendant pleaded that he acted in self-defence, and John Newson deposed that Henderson was the aggressor.—The Chairman said the disturbance was most disgraceful. Defendant would be bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months, and must pay the costs, 8s. 6d.

GOLFING AT FELIXSTOWE.—A bogey competition was held on Monday, the winner being Mr. W. O. S. Pell. The Autumn meeting commenced on Saturday, when the following scores were compiled:—†Mr. K. M. Macdonald 87, Mr. G. H. Trollope 89, Mr. W. K. Graham 90, Mr. E. Flint 90, Mr. A. Mackay 91, *Mr. J. M. Henderson 92, Mr. J. H. Driver 93 Rev. H. C. Gaye 94 Mr. W. H Franks 94 Mr. W. O. S. Pell 96, Mr. H. Frisby 96, Mr. W. S. Brockley 98, Mr. E. F. Lankester 99, Mr. J. A. Greig 99, Mr. J. G. Gibson 101, Mr. C. T. Fox 102, Mr. C. F. Cheston 104. †Winner 1st prize (Captain's) and also the Club Prize. *Winner of the 2nd prize (Captain's). The eighth heat of the monthly challenge cup was played for on Tuesday. Owing to a strong south-easterly gale, the scores were unusually high. Nett totals:—Mr. E. Flint 90, Mr. J. G. Gibson 92, Mr. J. H. Trollope 95, Mr. H. Frisby 96, Mr. J. H. Driver 99, Mr. K. M. Macdonald 99

A HALESWORTH HARVESTMAN'S WAGES.—At the Halesworth County Court, on Wednesday, James Alger, labourer, sued Henry Aldous, of Rumburgh, farmer, for 18s. balance of harvest wages. He had received £6, leaving the amount claimed due. Defendant said the plaintiff lived in his cottage rent free, but agreed to pay the rates. He had been in his employ for two years, the rates amounting to £1 18s. 4d. When he settled up for last harvest he deducted the 18s., leaving £1 0s. 4d. still owing.—George Baker stated that he was present when the last harvest wages were settled, and heard plaintiff say he could not pay all the rates at one time. Judgment for plaintiff.

VOLUNTEER PRIZE MEETING AT HARLESTON.—The annual prize meeting for carbine shooting of the 1st Norfolk Artillery Volunteers E.D.R.A., Nos. 10 and 4 Companies, Harleston, took place on Saturday. The weather was rather showery, and this was the first time the new Martini-Henry carbines were used for prize shooting. There was some capital shooting. Six highest scores:—Gnr. W. Long 46, Gnr. J. Matten 46, Corpl. A. Bedford 44, Gnr. C. Pierce 44, Gnr. A. Meen 43, Sergt. Gardiner 43.

HARLESTON AND FRESSINGFIELD VOLUNTEERS.—On Monday the annual prize shooting of the left half Company of No. 10 Company, 1st Norfolk Volunteer Artillery, E.D.R.A., took place at the Weybread Range, about forty members competing. The shooting was at 100 and 200 yards, seven shots at each stage, with the Martini-Henry carbine. The highest score was 53, made by Bomb. Riches, of the Fressingfield Detachment. Principal scores:—Gunner A. Randall 40 Sergt. Burgess 40, Gunner Charlish 36, Gunner Gooch 35, Gunner Chandler 32, and Gunner Dowson 32. Capt. J. A. Everson was in command of the Range.

£20.—TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING. See Illd. Guide (260 pages), 3d., "How to open a Cigar Store from £20 to £2,000"—Tobacconists' Outfitting Co., 186, Euston Road, London. Manager, Henry Myers. Established 1866. N.B.—Shop Fitters and Show Case Makers for all trades. Estimates Free.

FURIOUS DRIVING AT HINTLESHAM.—George Garnham, milkman, Ipswich, was summoned for driving furiously at Hintlesham. On the 10th October Police-constable Garrod saw the defendant leave a sale of farming stock at Hintlesham held that day, and when on the road the defendant drove at a furious pace, lashing the horse, which was going at full gallop. The defendant denied the offence. Defendant was fined 40s. and 18s. costs, or one month's imprisonment.

NEW INFANT SCHOOL FOR HARWICH.—The Harwich School Board have given instructions to Mr. J. W. Start, architect, to prepare plans for an infant school, to accommodate 150 children, at Lower Dovercourt. This will be the second school erected by the Board.

CONCERT AT HARWICH.—On Tuesday evening, in aid of the "expenses fund" of St. Nicholas Church, Harwich, a successful concert was given in the Infants' School. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed to the programme:—The Misses Miller, Green, Borrett, Jennings, Thurlow, Rowland, Mrs. Jones, Messrs. W. Tyrell, Pattison, Christy, Jones, Smith, J. Bird, Pennick, and the choir boys of the church.

ENTERTAINMENT AT LAXFIELD.—An entertainment was given in the boys' school, Laxfield, on Tuesday evening last, by the scholars of the school, the programme consisting of reading, singing, reciting, &c., as given before her Majesty's Inspector on the occasion of his annual visit on the previous Friday. The room was crowded, and the evening was voted most agreeable by all. Prizes were given to the winners of the competitions by the Master, and the whole proceeds of the evening were divided next day among the children. Songs were given by E. Crickmay, R. Hadingham, H. Felgate, J. Godfrey, E. Cullingford, W. Pretty, G. Easey, A. Moss, G. Gower, J. Cullingford, H. Thirkettle, G. Ward, E. Hadingham, C. Raven, and E. Taylor. Recitations were rendered by B. Manning, Geo. Driver, F. Gower, H. Felgate, H. Stanley, E. Cullingford, G. Read, A. Moss, and A. Watson. Readings by W. Ellwood, H. Morris, G. Ward, and J. Hemling. The musical drill by the infants was very popular, the audience voting the prizes to B. Manning and C. Revell. The prizes in the drill for elder scholars were voted to W. Pretty and G. Easey. History prizes were awarded to H. Bloomfield and H. Norman (First Division), G. Ward and A. Moss (Second Division), C. Welton and A. Bryant (Third Division). Long tots prizes were awarded to G. Driver and W. Tacon. Votes of thanks ended the meeting. Mr. Bryant, the master, acted as chairman, and Miss Symonds, the assistant mistress, as accompanist.

LECTURE AT LEISTON.—At the Wesleyan Chapel on Wednesday evening, Sergt. Goodwin, of the 6th Dragoon Guards, gave a highly interesting and instructive lecture on "India, its customs and castes." Sergt. Goodwin, who is a native of Leiston, served several years with the colours in India, and the chapel was crowded with an appreciative audience, the chair being taken by Mr. W. Stern. The lecturer was heartily thanked at the close.

LEISTON VOLUNTEERS: THE CHALLENGE CUP.—On Saturday last at the Sizewell Range the five marksmen of the H (Leiston) Company 1st V.B.S.R., who had each won two of the monthly competitions (two in Class A and three in Class B) for the Challenge Cup, shot off their tie, with the result that Sergt. Culham easily carried off the cup in Class A, value £5 and Prvt. H. Goodwin took first place in Class B and £2. The highest aggregate prize in Class A was won by Sergt. Walker, and in Class B by Prvt. H Wolfe. Scores:—Class A: Sergt. W. J. Culham, 93; Sergt. R. Walker, 78 Class B: Prvt. H. Goodwin, 87; Corpl. Levett, 81; Prvt. F. Wolfe, 55.

HORTICULTURAL LECTURES AT LEISTON.—Under the auspices of the local Technical Instruction Committee a second course of lectures in horticulture was commenced in the Works Hall on Friday last The lecturer is Mr. A. Andrews, of Campsea Ashe, and a proof of the great interest taken in the subject was the fact that about 50 members attended the first lecture. Mr. T. Percy Borrett, C.C., chairman of the Local Committee, opened the meeting.

MENDHAM HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES were held in St. Michael's Church on Sunday last, when sermons were preached by the vicar. The collections were in aid of the Church Missionary Society.

NEEDHAM MARKET PETTY SESSIONS, WEDNESDAY.—Wm. Pratt, Carriers' Arms Lane, Ipswich, and John Pratt, of Orwell Street, Ipswich, labourers, charged by Jas. Sutherwood, gamekeeper, with damaging underwood at Bramford, the property of Lady Loraine Broke, were each fined 16s., including damage and costs.—Frederick Spencer, of Needham Market, baker, pleaded guilty to assaulting Daniel Kerridge, jun., by kicking him on the thigh, and was fined £1 and 8s. 6d. costs.

ORFORD TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.—In Orford school-room a public meeting was held to elect a committee to carry out the technical instruction under the East Suffolk County Council scheme. Mr. W. Toller, C.C., presided. The following committee were elected:—Rev. E. M. Scott, W. Toller, C.C., Messrs. W. Wilson, G. Wilson, H. Brinkley, W. H. Rope, J. Levett, W. Howard, C. Lee, jun., A. Bantoft, Mrs. A. Heywood, Mrs. Scott, Miss Rope, Messrs W. Blowers, W. Whayman, F. Gardener, L. Thurgood, A. Pitcaithley, Frost, and J. Brinkley.

STOWMARKET BRITISH SCHOOL.—The hon. secretary of this school (Mr. Geo. Jas. Gostling) has received a letter from Mr. I Malcolm, sympathising with the attempt to maintain the voluntary schools, and enclosing a cheque for £2 2s.

STOWMARKET TEACHERS' MEETING.—A special service of intercession for Sunday Schools was held at the parish church on Monday afternoon, an address being given by the Rev. — Calthorpe. The teachers of the Church Schools were afterwards entertained to tea at the parish room, a large number being present.

DEATH OF A SOUTHWOLD MAGISTRATE.—General regret is felt at the death of Mr. Edward Michael Gannon, J.P. for the borough of Southwold, which took place at his residence, The Stone House, Aldringham, on Sunday morning. The deceased gentleman had suffered at times very acutely, but early last week he attended a meeting of the School Board and caught a chill, from the effects of which he never recovered.

CHURCH EDUCATION IN SUDBURY ARCHDEACONRY.—On Wednesday afternoon the Ven. Archdeacon Chapman presided at a meeting of the Sudbury Archidiaconal Church Education Society held in the Guildhall, Bury St. Edmund's. As representatives to the Central Council the Revds. C. W. Jones, E. Hill, A. H. Pemberton, and C. L. Feltoe were re-elected. A resolution was adopted in favour of £30 being granted towards a large outlay involved to satisfy requirements as to structural enlargement and other improvements of St. Gregory's and St. Peter's Church Schools, Sudbury. The meeting also expressed willingness to make grants of £15 to Kentford, £10 to Rede, £5 to Depden, and £5 to Thorpe Morieux schools, conditionally on certain requirements being complied with. The Archdeacon spoke of the Sudbury Church Schools as being "admirably worked," and remarked that the new incumbent (Rev. B S. Fryer) had proved "very courageous" in struggling with financial difficulty.

SINGULAR THEFT AT THETFORD.—At the Petty Sessions on Monday George Gooch, 15, was charged with stealing two tin coal hods, value 1s. 1d., from the Oddfellows' Hall on the 16th inst, the property of Wm. Hughes, a travelling hawker. Police-constable Aves, on receiving information of the loss, went to Gooch, who denied all knowledge of the affair, but afterwards admitted taking two of the hods away and placing them outside the hall near the chapel gate adjoining. Chas. Shulver was called and said he saw the two coal hods near the chapel gate and took them home, but he did not know what for. He saw no one with them. The Bench reprimanded him for so doing, and cautioned him against taking anything in future that did not belong to him. Gooch had nothing to say, and the Bench reprimanded him also, saying that they did not intend to send him to prison this time. He was bound over in the sum of £5 to come up for judgment within six months if called upon.

THORNDON.—A NEW IDEA.—Mr. Wm. Allen owns some cottages here, one of which, in two tenements, has hitherto been covered with thatch. This had become very shabby and defective, and as straw is somewhat dear, besides some of it not being fit for thatching purposes on account of the heavy storm in July, Mr. Allen hit upon the idea of covering the old thatch entirely with corrugated iron. He, therefore, propounded his views to Mr. R. E. Hammond, builder, of this parish, who, after a little consideration, took the work in hand, and carried out the idea in a systematical and highly satisfactory manner. The roof is now as safe from danger as either tiles or slate, and rather more so, as the whole is well tied together, and fastened through the old thatch to the rafters, therefore no one part of it can be blown off without taking the whole roof off. Of course the cost was greater than thatching would have been, but the house now presents a very neat and pleasing appearance to people passing through the parish.

A WESTHALL INNKEEPER AND HIS LANDLORD.—At the County Court held on Wednesday at Halesworth, before his Honour Judge H. Eardley Wilmot, the Rev. R. J. Tacon, of Rollesby, Norfolk, brought an action against Stephen Roberts, late of Westhall, innkeeper, to recover £24 15s. 9d., monies paid by the plaintiff for the renewal of the license of the Greyhound Inn, Westhall.—Defendant hired the public-house of Mr. Tacon, and in the agreement it was stipulated that if plaintiff advanced or paid any money for the renewal of the license defendant should be liable. The plaintiff had paid the amount claimed.—In defence, Roberts said that the plaintiff had promised to get the license reduced, which he had failed to do.—Judgment for plaintiff.

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DEATH OF A WOODBRIDGE TRADESMAN.—The death occurred on Saturday of a well-known Woodbridge tradesman in the person of Mr. Robert William Smith, butcher, New Street. He had been in failing health for some time, but the end came somewhat suddenly. Deceased, who was only 44 years of age, was the eldest son of Mr. Robert Smith, of the Thoroughfare, and leaves a widow and large family of ten children, for whom the utmost sympathy is felt in their bereavement. The interment took place at Woodbridge Cemetery on Friday afternoon.

WOODBRIDGE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—A successful meeting in connection with this Society was held in the Lecture Hall, Woodbridge, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of the Rev. S. Hooke, rector of Clopton. An excellent address was delivered by the Rev. J. Morrison, of Ipswich, and other speakers included the Chairman, Revs. A. T. Palmer, W. Gathercole, &c. During the evening the Temperance Choir rendered pleasing selections under the leadership of Mr. R. G. Clarke.

ZENANA MISSIONARY MEETING AT WOODBRIDGE.—On Tuesday evening a meeting on behalf of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society was held in St. John's Parish-room, Woodbridge, when the Rev. C. B. Ratcliffe, vicar of St. John's, presided over a large attendance. A very interesting address was given by the Hon. Winifriede Sugden on the object of the Society, which is to make known the Gospel to the women of India by means of normal schools, visitation, medical missions, Bible women, &c. The speaker related her own experience amongst the Hindoo women. The collection at the close of the meeting amounted to £2 3s. During the evening several hymns were sung, and the Chairman stated that, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. L. W. Hayward, the hon. secretary, they hoped now to make the meeting an annual one.

MARRIAGE OF MISS GARNHAM, OF WOODBRIDGE.—At St. John's Church on Wednesday morning the nuptials were celebrated of Miss Louisa Sarah Garnham, second daughter of Mr. John Garnham, the respected landlord of the Royal Oak Inn, and Mr. Arthur Henry C. Woods, steward at the Colonial College, Hollesley. The bride was given away by her father, and the bridegroom was accompanied to the altar by Mr. T. G. Heatley, M.R.C.V.S., as best man. The marriage service was impressively performed by the Rev. C. B. Ratcliffe, vicar of St. John's. A large number of friends assembled to witness the interesting ceremony. The happy pair were the recipients of a large number of wedding gifts.

ACTION AGAINST A WOODBRIDGE MILLER.—The only case of public interest before his Honour Judge Wilmot at the Woodbridge County Court was one in which Henry Daniels, miller, Bucklesham, brought an action against Alfred William Read, miller, Woodbridge, to recover £2 8s., balance of an account for fees already paid by him in a previous action. Mr. F. J. W. Wood appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. E. P. Ridley, Ipswich, represented the defendant. It appeared that the costs were in respect of an action taken by Read in March to recover a debt of £12 8s. 6d. owing to him by the present complainant. The parties apparently effected a compromise, for Daniels, who was supported in his evidence by a document drawn up at the instance of Read, when it was agreed that the debt should be discharged at the rate of £1 a month, while Daniels was to pay the cost of the plaint, amounting to 14s. The plaintiff understood that in consequence of the arrangement the case would be withdrawn. The defendant intimated that he had no intention of allowing the case to be struck out, and Mr. Jewell, of Ipswich, obtained judgment against Daniels. The cost of Mr. Jewell's attendance and the hearing fee and an item respecting some hay formed the subject of the present action. Ultimately his Honour entered judgment for the plaintiff for £1 15s. 6d., after the deduction of 12s. 6d. in respect of the hay. As the defendant omitted to inform Mr. Jewell of the arrangement entered into between him and the plaintiff, he would have to put up with the consequences attending his negligence. The Judge awarded the plaintiff the costs in respect of the present action.

ALLEGED DEFECTIVE DRAINAGE AT WORTHAM HOME.—A report was read from Dr. Pearce, of Botesdale, to the Hartismere Guardians, on Monday, pointing out that recently several cases of diarrhœa, &c., had occurred amongst the inmates at the Wortham Home. This he attributed to defective drainage and impure water, and, after discussion, the matter was referred to a Committee.

WICKHAM MARKET CANDIDATES FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.—Miss Till and Miss Minnie Till, of the Post Office, Wickham Market, have just received official notice that they have both successfully passed the Civil Service Examinations, enabling them to be accepted as post office clerks.

ZENANA WORK IN WICKHAM MARKET.—Last year Mrs. Stanford, of Gelham Hall, reached the zenith of her endeavours to help forward this good work. This year she has done her utmost to surpass even last year's success, but the wet weather on Wednesday somewhat spoiled the attendance at the bazaar which she had arranged on behalf of the mission, so that the receipts are slightly below those of last year. The contents of the stalls were most inviting, both from a useful, ornamental and edible point of view. The solicitations of the following ladies, however, were so successful that most of the materials displayed were sold:—Mrs. Furze, Miss Furze, Mrs. Whitmore, Misses Whitmore, Mrs. Inman, Mrs. J. C. Keer, Misses Keer, Misses Cracknell, Misses Wall, Miss Bolton, and the Misses Algar. The Hon. W. Sugden and Mr. R. H. White gave excellent addresses, and selections of vocal and instrumental music were given during the afternoon.

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CAPTURE OF A SHARK AND THRASHER.

An extraordinary capture was made by some Dymchurch fishermen. On taking in their nets they found them completely destroyed, and entangled in the remains were a huge thrasher and a shark, several feet in length. The damage done to the nets amounted to £40. It is supposed that the fish were driven into the bay by the gale.

A PUBLICAN'S ARM BROKEN.

STRUGGLE WITH A DRUNKEN MAN AT WATTISFIELD.

William Rush, labourer, Wattisfield, was charged at Hartismere Sessions on Monday with refusing to quit licensed premises at Rickinghall Superior on the 8th inst. The defendant was further charged with assaulting and beating Isaac Debenham, landlord of the house.—Mr. D. C. Warnes prosecuted and said defendant went to the house about half-past eight on the night in question; he was then sober and was served with two pints of beer. After a time he became very quarrelsome, and wanted to fight the customers. Prosecutor repeatedly requested him to leave, but this he resolutely refused to do. Defendant's conduct got worse and worse, and ultimately Debenham, with the assistance of his wife, turned him out. Defendant tried to get in again, and the landlord went to the front door, whereupon defendant "collared" him, dragged him into the road, pushed him down and fell upon him. In the fall, witness's arm was broken. When on the ground defendant said: "— you, I will corpse you." Next morning, after some conversation with defendant, prosecutor offered to settle the matter for 30s. Mrs. Adelaide Debenham corroborated, and after Dr. Pierce, of Botesdale, had described the nature of Mr. Debenham's injuries, which he said would take three months to get over, the defendant pleaded that he was the worse for drink at the time. As to the quantity of drink he consumed, he remembered paying for "four quarts of tossin' beer." Defendant added that it was entirely through an accident that Mr. Debenham's arm was broken, as he (defendant) neither pushed him nor struck him, although they both fell. Defendant was convicted on both charges, and was ordered to pay £3 including costs.

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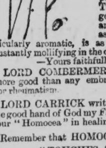

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Election Addresses.

TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTORS
OF THE
MIDDLE WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

HAVING had the honour to be one of your representatives on the Town Council for the past three years, I have accepted the invitation to allow myself to be again nominated as a Candidate at the Municipal Election on the 1st of November next, in conjunction with Mr. Owen Turner.

I have taken much interest in Corporation work, and have always supported a progressive movement in Sanitary matters, as I think reforms of this nature are much required, especially in the poorer districts of the town. The care of the health of every citizen appears to me to be one of the first obligations of a Corporation, and the recent efforts of your Corporation in this direction are having beneficial results.

I am also in favour of the finances of the Corporation being placed on a more uniform basis, and some slight improvements in this direction have also been effected. During the time I have been in office I have done my best to faithfully carry out my duties connected therewith. As I have a considerable stake in the town, and am a large ratepayer, I feel that you can safely rely upon me to do my best to consider your interests.

Should you do me the honour to elect me again as one of your representatives, I shall do all I possibly can to further the advantages of this good old town.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
DOUGLAS A. TOLLEMACHE.
Ipswich, October 20th, 1894.

TO THE ELECTORS
OF THE
MIDDLE WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

AT the request of a large and influential body of the ratepayers of the Ward, I have consented to become a Candidate at the Municipal Election on the 1st November next, in conjunction with the Hon. Douglas Tollemache.

Should I have the honor of being elected one of your representatives, I assure you I shall do all I can to promote the best interests of the town.

I shall give my special attention to the improvement of the Sewerage, and I shall continue my endeavours to put a stop to the present system of turning the whole of the Town Sewage into the river, which renders it at times little better than an open sewer.

I shall do my best to get the streets better lighted, while at the same time, as a large ratepayer, I shall vote against any needless expenditure which is likely to increase the rates.

I have lived in the Ward for many years with my father, Mr. Walton Turner, with whom I am associated in business, and you may rely that anything I can do for the good of the Middle Ward in particular shall have my best attention.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,
OWEN TURNER.
St. Mary Elms, Ipswich,
October 20th, 1894.

TO THE ELECTORS
OF
ST. CLEMENT'S WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

HAVING represented you on the Municipal Council for the last nine years, I have been requested by a large and influential body of the ratepayers of the Ward to again ask for your support, in conjunction with my friend Mr. Cotman, on the 1st November next.

I need hardly say, if you will do me the honour to return me, I will endeavour to serve you as faithfully in the future as I trust I have done in the past.

I remain,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
FRED. BENNETT.
Church Street, Ipswich,
October 22nd, 1894.

TO THE ELECTORS
OF
ST. CLEMENT'S WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

HAVING been requested by a large and representative body of ratepayers to offer myself as a candidate for Municipal election, in conjunction with your able representative, Mr. Fred. Bennett, I have consented to do so.

As my profession is not at present represented on the Council, it is considered that my knowledge and experience may be of special service to the ratepayers.

Being acquainted with the Ward for so many years, by residence and business connections, I do not hesitate to ask your cordial assistance and support on the 1st November next.

Should you do me the honour to elect me to the Council you may rely upon my best efforts being devoted to the interests of your Ward an the town generally.

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
THOS. WM. COTMAN.
Ipswich, 22nd October, 1894.

TO THE ELECTORS
OF
ST. MARGARET'S WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

MY period of office as your Ward representative on the Ipswich Town Council being about to expire, I ask again for the renewal of your confidence, which you have now given me for so many years. I hope in the future, as in the past, to study your interests, and in doing so the interests of the town in which I have resided nearly all my life. Being a large ratepayer myself, I am anxious the rates should be economically administered, and kept as low as possible, but, at the same time, I am in favour of a judicious expenditure of public money, so that our town may compare favourably with other towns of equal population, in sanitary and other matters.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
FREDK. TURNER.
Parkside, Ipswich, 22nd October, 1894.

TO THE BURGESSES
OF
ST. MARGARET'S WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

HAVING been unanimously invited at a large meeting of Ratepayers to allow myself to become a Candidate in conjunction with Mr. Fred. Turner for the representation of your Ward on the Town Council, I have much pleasure in accepting the position.

Having been a resident in the town all my life, I assure you that, if elected, I shall use the trust reposed in me without fear or favour, and my earnest support will be given to all measures calculated to improve the condition of the working classes and the welfare of the town generally.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours truly,
A. RAPHAEL.
4, Upper Brook Street, Ipswich,
24th October, 1894.

TO THE ELECTORS
OF THE
BRIDGE WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

ALLOW me to thank you for again returning me as one of your representatives; also for the voluntary and non-political nomination accorded in support of my action against the purchase of the Park, and allow me to add that while considering efficiency with regard to health and the sanitary conditions of our Borough, my aim will in the future, as in the past, be to serve faithfully and conscientiously in the interests of the ratepayers generally.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours respectfully,
ALFRED JOHN MERRY,
Morever, Norwich Road, Ipswich.
October 26th, 1894.

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Dated this 23rd day of October, 1894.
C. A. CREASY,
Chairman.

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No.		Votes.
1	BUTCHER, Mary, Lowestoft	1310
2	CHARRINGTON, ESTHER, Ipswich	972
3	PANNELL, ALFRED, Stambourne	943
4	OFFORD, HERBERT, Barningham	929
5	LEVERINGTON, Georganna, Worlington	912
6	BARLTROP, MARTHA, Thaxstead	870
7	PRATT, THOMAS, Ousden	858
8	BOWLES, WALTER, Ulting	853
9	TAWELL, JESSIE, Aldham	852
10	LOVETT, THOMAS, Sprowston, Norfolk	842
11	HEDGE, ERNEST, North Walsham	841
12	HELPS, FREDERICK, Norwich	841
13	MAYES, GRACE, Fundenhall	837
14	STUDD, LILY, Stuston	835
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FRAMLINGHAM FARMERS' CLUB.—*It was our intention to publish the interesting speech by Mr. F. S. Corrance at the dinner of this Club; but owing to great pressure on space it is held over until next week.*—[ED.]

The Ipswich Journal
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The long-threatened crusade against the House of Lords is about to open, and Lord ROSEBERY'S opening speeches have been the subject of a good deal of public curiosity. The Prime Minister has, for many years, posed as a reformer of the House of Lords, and, on two occasions, initiated discussion in the Upper House upon the subject of mending the Hereditary Chamber. Whether Lord ROSEBERY was setting his sails thus early to catch the democratic breezes we do not know, but his speech in 1888 drew from a noble lord a curious and interesting prophecy. Lord WEMYSS said, "Lord ROSEBERY'S political attitude always "reminded him of a picture he once saw in the "Paris Salon. It represented a beautiful "female form, gracefully and buoyantly float-"ing towards the admiring spectator on the "surface of the advancing tide. It was called "'The Wave'; and whoever had observed the "political career of Lord ROSEBERY could not "have failed to observe that he always buoy-"antly and gracefully floated on the crest of "the advancing democratic wave; and not "only so, but he kept his weather eye open "and looked out for coming waves, which he "hoped would, in due course, bring him safely "into port." As far as the Premiership is concerned, Lord ROSEBERY is certainly in port, but whether the Ship of State will take another voyage with the noble earl as skipper is quite another matter. From all accounts, the mixed crew that he commands are by no means contented with their commander. In any case, Lord ROSEBERY is now bound to go forward with his crusade, such as it is, against the House of Lords. Unless we are greatly mistaken, the more the "ending or mending" of the Second Chamber is discussed the better it will be for the Constitutional party. There is a vast amount of ignorance concerning the origin and the history of the House of Lords, and much misrepresentation current which a better knowledge of the principal events affecting its career will undoubtedly dispel. But the difficulty of carrying out any root-and-branch reconstitution of the House of Lords is also tremendous, and this will also become clearer as the controversy goes on, and must tend to impress even Radical reformers with a sense of the impossible nature of the task they have begun. It may be possible to add elements to the Upper House that will strengthen it without producing greater evils, but it is foolish to blink the complexities which are involved in the cry of "Down with the House of Lords." The Conservative party have never opposed a mere *non possumus* to the idea of a reform of the Upper House. Lord SALISBURY himself declared, on March 19th, 1888, that "we will gladly consider any "proposal for adding to the efficiency and "usefulness of the House." But would any "mending" take away the objections of the Radical party? Will any Second Chamber, constituted by election, answer in the long run so well as the present House of Lords? These are the practical questions which all Englishmen are asking themselves, and in such matters they have for centuries been accustomed to dispense with logic and theory, and to keep what works well in a plain, straightforward, intelligible manner. As M. TAINE, the great Frenchman, said of our House of Lords: "They sat there, in their "charming pot hats, and did their business; "they were not makers of phrases." This is a true and pithy pencil sketch of the characteristic of the Upper House. When the Peers speak they have not their constituents or the local paper in view, but they address themselves to the consideration of public questions from an independent point of view which must conduce to the treatment of the subjects strictly on their merits. Lord ROSEBERY'S scheme of reform, in 1888, was to reduce the number of the House of Lords, and make the legislative part of it elected by the members of the whole House, adding to it the Privy Council, the Chairmen of the Boards of Guardians and of County Councils, and the Agent-General of the Colonies.

SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES.

But would this new Chamber afford a more democratic basis than at present? In all probability it would soon fall into disfavour with the orthodox Radical, just as much as the old House did before any such reform was undertaken. How, then, is a satisfactory Second Chamber to be constituted? It must be either nominated by the Sovereign power or supplied by popular election. A Chamber of nominees could never exercise any influence; better far a Hereditary House pure and simple. If the House of Lords is popularly elected, what constituencies are to elect? If the Second Chamber is elected by the same Constituencies as the House of Commons, what claim has it, under such circumstances, to criticise or control the decisions of the Lower Chamber? If, on the other hand, the Upper House is elected by a more select body than the Lower House, we are confronted with the objection, Why should the elected majority be governed by the elected minority? Lord ROSEBERY may complain of the incompatibility of temper between two yokefellows, the Upper and the Lower House, but we have next to learn that any suggested scheme will not produce greater and bitterer disputes. The complaint that the Upper House has been growing more and more Tory of recent years is met with the answer that the undoubted preponderence of the Unionist party in that House is merely the result of special causes. The peculiar legislative measures which Mr. GLADSTONE has proposed ever since 1870 were of a character to produce an entirely new dividing line of parties. This is proved significantly by the fact that even Peers made by Mr. GLADSTONE himself have almost all deserted him. The House of Lords, as far as the Home Rule question is concerned, certainly represents English public opinion better than the present House of Commons, and the crusade against it, therefore, is not likely to meet with any enthusiasm throughout the country.

DETENTION OF INEBRIATES.

That we are making progress in many matters of primary importance for the welfare of the people at large is patent to those who have had the opportunity of studying the most recent movements for the amelioration of the lot of mankind. Englishmen are beginning to realise that there is something to be studied beyond the confines of their own immediate circle. The latest instance of this is the movement now on foot for legislation sanctioning the compulsory detention of inebriates. The least susceptible of men cannot but admit that there is need for the adoption of a system whereby, under proper authority, the victims of drink may be confined in retreats until they are cured. We express no cursory thought or affected sentiment when we venture to predict that the necessity for thorough legislation in this direction will be brought home to all, and if we know the heart of an Englishman, all will be glad to contribute towards any comprehensive scheme which is calculated to cure those suffering from this terrible affliction. The subject has received attention from time to time from different Governments, and attempts have been made to frame some legislation to deal with the problem, but these efforts, we are sorry to say, have not been successful, the question of compulsory detention proving the main difficulty. The British Medical Association and other bodies have been vigorously addressing themselves to the task, but how to deal successfully with the matter is at present causing much perplexity. Every important scheme of beneficent legislation has its difficulties, but difficulties are things that can and have to be surmounted. A deputation of the medical faculty recently interviewed the Home Secretary, and urged the necessity for further legislation sanctioning the compulsory detention of inebriates. Mr. ASQUITH assured the deputation that the recommendations of the Departmental Committee appointed to consider the subject had for a considerable time occupied his attention; and he then expressed the hope that in the next Session of Parliament he would be able to introduce a Bill to give effect to the more important of the proposals suggested. He recognised the fact that the great defect of existing legislation was that it could only be taken advantage of by comparatively well-to-do persons, and we now learn that he has consented to bring in the Bill himself next Session, and one or two of its leading features are indicated, though perhaps these are only as yet guesswork. Power will be given to the county court judges and the magistracy to compulsorily commit the inebriate for a lengthened period, and the homes, or whatever they are to be called in the future, will be placed under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners in Lunacy. At the first glance the selection of these commissioners as the responsible authority for the homes may appear doubtful wisdom; but it is better to utilise existing machinery than to create a new board with all its attendant expense; and if, as Dr. NORMAN KERR and his school of temperance reformers assert, the drinking habit is a disease having a basis of kinship to lunacy, the commissioners would seem to be as appropriate an authority as could be selected. Besides, as the compulsory homes will not be the same as the voluntary homes, and as the latter will probably not be interfered with by the Bill, it matters little to the inebriates what board of supervision they are under if they are only cured. A Bill to deal with this evil will have the cordial sympathy of both sides of the House of Commons, and with general support the time should not be far remote when this measure, which will add so much to the health, comfort, happiness, and moral well-being of many thousands will become operative.

THE FIELD.

The Henham Harriers will meet on Saturday, November 3rd, at St. Lawrence's Oak, at 11 a.m.—The Suffolk Foxhounds will meet on Saturday, November 3rd, at Buxhall Vale, Stowmarket. Opening meet.

DEATH WHILE DANCING.

Hannah Maria Stirling, 13, daughter of Robert Stirling, upholsterer, 23, South Street, Walworth, while dancing to an organ in the street, fell, and struck her head violently against the pavement. She has since died.

EXHIBITION OF WATER-COLOURS AT IPSWICH.

For the nominal admission charge of threepence the lovers of art in Ipswich will have the opportunity of inspecting, in the Club Gallery, between to-day (Saturday) and Thursday next, a really high-class exhibition of water-colours from the hand of Mr. Conway Lloyd-Jones. As a contributor to the annual display of the Ipswich cércle Mr. Lloyd-Jones has obtained many admirers in East Anglia, and the works which he has now brought together will heighten public estimation of him; they number 150, illustrative of the valley of the Thames, and the fact that they were all produced in a year, and have not suffered from the rapidity of their production, shows that the artist, in addition to his other qualities, has a remarkable power of execution. A good example of Mr. Lloyd-Jones's talent is to be seen in the view of the Thames at Streatley (catalogue No. 331). It is a good massive drawing, solid in colouring, very strong and fine in effect. Many of the productions are distinguished by brilliant and warm colouring, autumn tints especially being charmingly rendered. In No. 22, the Thames and Streatley Hill, the aerial effect of the three distances, foreground, middle and extreme, is well maintained, and the harmony of colour is exceedingly good. "Moon Daisies" (No. 38) make a very pretty picture, and No. 40 affords another instance of Mr. Lloyd-Jones's capacity in bringing out warm autumnal effects. In "Looking down a glen" (No. 49) there is an equal strength of colouring, the foliage comes out with remarkable vividness, and there is a richness of feeling. The miniatures also are worthy of careful examination, and the exhibition taken altogether is one on which Mr. Lloyd-Jones is to be congratulated.

A HEVENINGHAM FARMER FINED.

At the Petty Sessions held in the Court House at Halesworth, on Thursday, before Mr. J. K. Brooke (chairman), Colonel Taylor, Mr. F. E. Babington, Mr. F. M. Remnant, and Mr. G. Bence Lambert, Geo. Robert Le Grys, of Heveningham, farmer, was summoned on a charge that he, being the driver of a locomotive, did not give as much space as possible for the passing of other traffic at Huntingfield, on the 29th September. —Mr. W. C. Tuck defended.—William Lee, of Halesworth, in the employ of Messrs. Mallinson and Co., stated that he was driving a horse and cart from Eye to Halesworth, and when opposite Heveningham Hall, he met a traction engine, about 7.30 in the evening. It was very dark, and he was obliged to call out four times before a lad, who was driving a pony and cart in front of the engine, heard him. He stopped his horse 30 or 40 yards in front of the engine, which was then on the wrong side of the road, and as the engine still came on, he was

OBLIGED TO TURN ROUND AND GO BACK

about 100 yards. Police-Sergt. Leeks and Police-constable Gray were there, and requested defendant, who was driving the engine, to get on the right side of the road, in order that complainant might pass, as there was not sufficient room.—Cross-examined by Mr. Tuck: The witness did not see a man walking in front of the engine.—Police-Sergt. Leeks said that the engine, which was on the wrong side of the road, had on it two very dim lights. He called on defendant to stop the engine, and then requested him to move it to the right side of the road, which he did to the extent that complainant was able to pass with difficulty.—Police-constable Gray and William Tracy, gamekeeper, corroborated.—In defence, Mr. Tuck stated that defendant had been the owner of the traction engine for three years, and no previous complaint had been made. The road was 13 feet wide, and the engine 7 feet. When requested, the defendant got on the right side of the road as quickly as possible. A lad was 15 yards in front, leading a pony, and shouted to defendant as soon as he saw the cart coming.—Wm. Moore, the lad in charge of the pony and cart, and Robert Bryanton, who was steering the engine, gave evidence in support of this statement.—The Bench, however, decided to convict, and defendant was fined 40s. and costs 19s.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

It is understood that, in view of the meeting of the British Association at Ipswich next year, Dr. J. H. Bartlet, of Birkfield, will agree to be nominated as Mayor on November 9th. This is in deference to the wish of both political parties, and the selection will be regarded by the burgesses as a very happy one. Dr. Bartlet is a man of leisure who takes a keen interest in scientific matters, is wealthy, and though outside the Council, enjoys the full confidence of the electors, as was shown by the fact that his representation of the Westgate Ward was severed only by his own desire for retirement. Mrs. Bartlet, too, is a lady who, from the part she has taken in various philanthropic movements, may be expected to discharge the duties of Mayoress with honour and grace.

The presentation by Mr. Felix T. Cobbold of the historic mansion standing in Christchurch Park to the town should strike a blow at the extraordinary opposition offered by a few of the Town Councillors to the purchase of that portion of the park that has been so long under discussion. Whether the minority in the Council were justified or not in their complaints at the proposed purchase there can be no doubt that with the handsome gift that Mr. Cobbold has made the advisability of the acquisition of the park will be no longer disputed. We hope in common with every inhabitant of Ipswich that Mr. Cobbold will see the full realisation of his benevolent design. "The evil that men do," we are told, "lives after them," while "the good is oft interred with their bones." Happily it is not always so, in these latter days at least. As time goes on such an act is bound to live and to bear pleasant fruit with ever-increasing abundance. The thoughtful generosity of Mr. Felix Cobbold in making the park complete in all detail is much to be admired. In any case, the town has been made still more picturesque and interesting by its new possession. A public park is a solid contribution to the health and happiness of those permitted to enjoy it, and few better mediums can be adopted towards levelling up the masses. For in this pursuit half of the battle is accomplished when you permeate those who dwell in unsatisfactory dwellings with higher aspirations. Pure air, pure water, and healthy dwellings are even higher considerations than free schools and the topmost wage standard. Ipswich will be fortunate in becoming possessed of a boon which cannot fail to act as an incentive towards the greatest comfort and happiness of the greatest number through the medium of all three.

We well remember a prominent public man in Ipswich observing that were he wealthy, he would sooner purchase Christchurch Park permanently for the free enjoyment of Ipswich than he would build for them a Kremlin or Vatican. We would not be harsh and describe the objecting purchasers of Christchurch as poor prosaic and unregenerate Peter Bells. We can hardly believe that a walk in the Park would inspire in them no spark of the sentiment with which such surroundings have ever been regarded by the poets. "Such an order of men who have no music in their souls are to be feared and avoided," so we are told by one of our great writers. We do not think our Ipswich Town Councillors are as bad as that. The great trouble of these objectors seems to rest in the cost of the arranging of the Park, but we hope that the Town Council will take care to prevent the desecration of this park by landscape gardeners of the future, intent on improving nature with gravelled walks, beds of scarlet geraniums, and notices requesting people not to walk on the grass. Everyone will hope that measures will be taken to secure that this precious remnant of Nature's beauty unadorned should remain inviolate. Anyhow, it is our hope that now that the historic mansion has been saved by Mr. Felix Cobbold the public will recognise what has been effected on their behalf by attending at the Local Government inquiry and endorsing the action of the Town Council.

Suffolk free from swine fever and a relaxation of the oppressive regulations imposed by the Board of Agriculture was the gratifying announcement which Lord Henniker was able to make at the opening of the Suffolk Quarter Sessions last Friday. It is difficult to say whether this was the outcome of the conference which the Board of Agriculture had recently with the Committee of the East Suffolk County Council, but there has certainly been a very rapid change of policy on the part of the higher authority. The order dated July 10th last, about which farmers have had so much cause for complaint, was revoked as referring to the county of Suffolk and the boroughs of Ipswich and Bury St. Edmund's from Tuesday last; while a new order has been issued in respect to the county of Norfolk, permitting of the removal of swine into that county under certain conditions. As Lord Henniker hinted, it is still necessary for Suffolk breeders and dealers to exercise the greatest possible care regarding the removal of pigs; for while the county has been declared free from disease—doubtless as a result of the extensive slaughter which has taken place, it appears from the official returns that diseased swine actually died both in Norfolk and Suffolk as recently as the week ending October 13th. It is sincerely to be hoped, for the sake of agriculturists in the county generally, that the modification of the regulations which the Board of Agriculture have assented to will prove a wise step, and that it will be justified by results—a consummation not only devoutly to be wished, but which will also be watched with keen interest by a very large community.

There has just been issued a calendar of State papers of the period November, 1667, to September, 1668, published under the direction of the Master of the Rolls. They are extremely interesting, and afford much information of the methods of our ancestors in those days. And how much the sympathies and ideas of our progenitors have broadened out since then is found in the following incident which, while conveying its own lesson, must be of great local interest. It is a weird tale of the sea, in which two Ipswich vessels are concerned. Here is the story. During a storm an Ipswich ship passing another of the same town, the crew of the one, apparently considering themselves as past hope, charged the crew of the other with "their remembrances to friends." When asked "whether their ship was leaky, or what they wanted, the first ship replied that they had long labored to free their main-top, where sat a couple of witches; but by all they could do, could not remove nor get them down, and so they were lost people." Lost of course they were; and, in consequence of this crazy tale, two women were actually lodged in prison at Ipswich, as being the witches in question. It would be worth inquiry whether there are any traces in Ipswich records of proceedings taken against them, or of their subsequent fate.

East Anglian scientists and geologists have this week had an opportunity of welcoming back to the public platform one of the foremost of their confreres, and one who in years gone by has by his voice and his pen delighted and instructed thousands of his fellows in the eastern counties. Need we say that we refer to Dr. J. E. Taylor, of Ipswich, who has this week recommenced the work of scientific lecturing, he visiting Stowmarket on Tuesday evening, and discoursing in his own characteristically well-known style on "The story of a lump of chalk"—in other words the history of the chalk formations which go to make the stratified crust of the earth. Dr. Taylor we are glad to notice appeared to have regained much of his old vigour, as well as to have retained a great deal of his old style of delivery and enthusiasm for his subject, of which he is such a master. We are only re-echoing the feelings of a wide circle of well-wishers in expressing the hope that Dr. Taylor will be completely renewed in health and that he may still enjoy a long and useful scientific career.

The county of Suffolk has sustained a great loss (says the *Live Stock Journal*) in the death of Mr. Manfred Biddell, of the Lux Farm, Playford. The deceased gentleman was the eldest of four brothers, whose names have been indissolubly linked with the history of the county during the present century. Mr. Biddell was an ardent agriculturist, and during his long life farmed successfully about a thousand acres of the land which his father, Mr. Arthur Biddell, tilled before him under the Marquis of Bristol. He had a large and varied experience of matters appertaining to the agriculture of the county, but it was as a breeder of Suffolk horses that he was more widely known. His name has been closely identified with the best examples of the breed from a period when the century was much younger; and the frequency with which it appeared in the list of successful competitors at the "Royal" and county shows may be pointed to as evidence of the skill and judgment he brought to bear in the production of the compact, sturdy type so typical of the true-bred Suffolk. It was in the year 1842 that he commenced business on his own account, and the first horse to win the honours of the Royal Agricultural Society of England for Mr. Manfred Biddell was Major, a son of Catlin's Duke, from a dark chesnut mare by Crisp's Captain in 1836.

Until the regretted close of his active life Mr. Manfred Biddell more than sustained the early prestige of his stud. Only a few weeks since two of his horses—King of Fordham and Bramfield Lad, the latter being the first-prize three-year-old at the Royal Show at Cambridge this year—were amongst a selection of half-a-score Suffolk horses bought for exportation to Russia, where their arrival has been hailed with much satisfaction. He was a gentleman of kindly and generous disposition, and he was universally respected. Only those who knew his worth are able to appreciate the severity of the loss which Suffolk has sustained by his death. The family of Biddell has long and honourably been connected with East Anglia. The father of the deceased gentleman left his home in West Suffolk, at Little Welnetham Hall, and, favoured by the good wishes of the then Marquis of Bristol, started farming for himself at Playford. Before this, Arthur Young, the well-known writer on agricultural topics, who resided near the Biddells, had offered to take Arthur Biddell on a tour through Europe, but his mother objected, and he stayed in the old country without a break.

The proposal to effect several important improvements in St. Matthew's Church has received definite shape, plans and specifications prepared by Mr. E. F. Bisshopp having been placed before a parish meeting held on Thursday evening, under the presidency of the rector, the Rev. F. Haslewood. There was a large and influential attendance, and it was explained to the meeting that the estimate of the proposed alterations was £550, these relating to a new choir vestry, new choir benches and prayer desks, and the repairing of the nave and chancel. On the proposition of Mr. Cubit, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, it was unanimously resolved that the work should be forthwith carried out, and a small committee was appointed for the purpose. Nearly £200 was promised at the meeting in aid of the alterations and improvements.

Mrs. Keeley's illness cannot but cause her friends grave anxiety, for the old lady is nearly ninety. She has lived under four sovereigns, and remembers her father, an Ipswich tradesman, holding her on his shoulders to witness a performance in the local theatre by the great Miss O'Niel, Mrs. Siddons's immediate successor in the line of great actresses. Mrs. Keeley was by way of becoming a singer, and made her first appearance in London as Polly in "The Beggar's Opera." This was some time before the performance of Rosina at the Old English Opera, now the Lyceum, in 1829—usually the starting point of her biographers. She was, of course, the historic Jack Sheppard; her Betsy Martin was another of her great parts. Mrs. Keeley never retired from the stage. The last time she really played a part was when, in her seventy-ninth year, she played Betsy Baker for the benefit of Mr. Toole. But she has often just showed herself at a function, or recited an ode. Mrs. Keeley has lived in the same house at Pelham Crescent for more than forty years. Her house is quite a museum of stage souvenirs of the century. She is, in her usual health, brighter and brisker than most women of fifty.

In scanning over the many paragraphs dealing with the appointment of local technical instruction committees (who decide upon the subjects to be taught and the holding of continuation classes) how many of our readers realise the value of the work thus carried on in our towns and villages? Mr. J. Edward Flower, M.A., secretary to the Recreative Evening Schools Association, helps us to understand the magnitude of the work thus undertaken in behalf of the rising generations of our land by the aid of the Evening Schools Code and the County Council grants from the "beer money." In spite of all that has been done (he remarks), "Our streets of an evening still teem with girls and boys in their teens who are without guidance and discipline at the very time when these are most urgently requisite. Of the 450,000 children leaving our day schools yearly less than 100,000 were enrolled in our evening schools during 1892. The relation of continuation schools to the moral, industrial and social well-being of the people needs to be enforced and illustrated, and this can only be done effectually by the living voice." Education—moral, social, religious and recreative—is now within the reach of every class, and it is by the perseverance of such societies as Mr. Flower's that the task is made lighter and brighter, but it is discouraging to find that the youth of England value so lightly the store of knowledge placed at their disposal. There would be few David Livingstones, we fear, among the 350,000 children who left school in 1892 who were not to be found in continuation schools.

It is a remarkable fact that out of the 900 million odd people conveyed over our great railway systems every year only one in every 43 millions is killed, and but one in every 1,433,000 injured. The railway workers themselves are, however, less fortunate, notwithstanding all the means adopted by railway managers to prevent injury and loss of life to their servants. During 1892—the latest completed returns available—534 railway servants were killed, and 2,915 injured. One shunter in every 16 employed sustained injury, and one out of every 164 was killed, the proportion of disaster among breaksmen being almost as great. Add to this the illnesses incurred through exposure to the elements, and it requires no stretch of imagination to convince one of the necessity of an institution to assist the aged and infirm and relieve the widows and families of railway men, who, as a class, have been proved to be the most honest and trustworthy of our great army of workers. This is the object of the United Kingdom Railway Officers and Servants' Association, which celebrates its 33rd anniversary on the 16th prox.; but like most other philanthropic institutions, it requires pecuniary help to enable it to give temporary and permanent assistance to railway servants in cases of accident and severe illness, to provide old-age pensions, and to assist their families at death. Charitably disposed persons, who appreciate the labours of this deserving class of the community, cannot do better than dispense their charity in this direction. The head office of the Association is at 21, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF IPSWICH.

WIDENING OF WESTERFIELD ROAD.

At a meeting of the Ipswich Paving and Lighting Committee, Mr. B. P. Grimsey presiding, the Town Clerk presented a recommendation of the Estate Committee that the land necessary for making Westerfield Road 35 feet wide be purchased at a cost of £140, or including the value of land given up £160. The Council had already sanctioned an expenditure not exceeding £200, and the report was adopted.—The Surveyor stated that he had in the Corporation yard a large stock of old wood blocks, and on the motion of Mr. Raffe, seconded by Mr. W. Grayston, he was instructed to pave with this material Falcon Street, Friars Street, and the lower part of Museum Street.

WEDDING AT WASHBROOK.

The wedding took place at Washbrook Church, between Mr. Henry Owen Ranson, youngest son of the late George Ranson, of the Poplars, Sproughton, and Miss Louisa (Louie) Mary Andrews, second daughter of Samuel Andrews, of Washbrook. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. Hocking. The bride was becomingly attired in vieux rose cloth trimmed with cream and gold embroidery, and carried a handsome bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were dressed in moss green cloth, old gold silk blouses and velvet zouaves, and wore Rembrant hats. They each carried a basket of white and gold chrysanthemums, and wore pearl initial brooches the gift of the bridegroom. The presents were very numerous and handsome.

DEATH OF LADY CUNLIFFE OWEN.

We deeply regret to record the death of Lady Cunliffe Owen, the wife of the late Sir Hugh Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., which took place on Wednesday evening at her residence, 13, Kirkley Cliffe, Lowestoft. The long and honourable career of Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, his official connection at one time or another with the most important of various scientific institutions, and his intimate relationship to all the most important exhibitions in England or on the Continent for a number of years, terminated on his decease last Good Friday after a prolonged illness, manfully borne, at the same house where, on Wednesday night, Lady Owen breathed her last. Lady Cunliffe Owen was the daughter of Baron Fritz Von Reitzenstein, commanding the Royal Prussian Horse Guards. Her late husband's painful illness and death was a severe blow, the anxiety she underwent culminating in her sorrowful bereavement utterly prostrated her, and for several weeks, both before and after Sir Philip's decease, she lay dangerously ill. Although after a time she somewhat recovered, and was able to go to the West of England for a change, she never regained her former health. She returned to Lowestoft three weeks ago, and shortly after her arrival home suffered a relapse, necessitating the attendance of Dr. J. C. Worthington. During the last fortnight Lady Owen lay in an extremely critical condition. She lingered till Wednesday, and passed peacefully away at seven o'clock in the evening. Lady Owen leaves two sons, four married daughters, and two unmarried daughter.

SUFFOLK SIMPLICITY.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

SIR,—I have just completed an artistic tour in this neighbourhood, after an absence of 12 years, and find that "silly Suffolk" is still determined to uphold its character. One would have thought that in these days of free-schools and libraries, of phonographs and cheap excursions, a mere visitor from another part of their own country, even if engaged on a pursuit different from that of the ordinary yokel, might be allowed by the natives at least to move about in peace. But no; I no sooner arrive in a village, or even town, with my easel and campstool, but faces appear at every door and window, with gaping mouth and eyes nearly starting out of their sockets, audibly inquiring, "What do *he* want?" passing ironical and uncomplimentary jests, and even endeavouring, like the Chinese encountered by the globe-trotting cyclist, by some means or other to pick a quarrel so as to have an excuse for doing one a more palpable injury. In many places I have been refused lodging, the artless innkeepers evidently looking upon an artist as a suspicious character, while on one or two occasions a mob has surrounded and hustled me, crying, "We don't want no —— foreigners here."

But the following incident, I think, takes the palm for naivety. Happening to require a railway time table I asked the station-master (at Elmswell) if he had one. On his replying that there were none of this month's left I said last month's would do. He then informed me that he could not understand how anybody should want to consult a last month's time-table, and as I must have *some object* in making such a strange request he should refuse to let me see it! Comment is needless.—I am, Sir, &c., ARTIST.

A SUICIDE'S PATHETIC LETTER.

In his last written lament the Brighton insurance agent, Archer by name, who shot himself through the head, declared that his "darling wife knew nothing of his debts." He concluded: "Oh, that I had always listened to her counsel, instead of following my own rashness! Break it to her gently, and tell her she will have happiness again when freed from me." A verdict of "Temporary insanity" was returned.

IS THIS ANOTHER WASHBROOK CASE?

A ROBBER OF AUTOMATIC MACHINES KILLED.

A man was cut to pieces at Loudoun Road Station, Kilburn, on Tuesday morning. A large quantity of coppers and chocolate were found in his pockets, and it is believed that he has had something to do with the automatic machine robberies which have recently been committed in Hampstead and Kilburn.

AN ICELAND SEAL OFF THORPENESS.

CAPTURED BY A DOG.

On Friday evening the coxswain of the Thorpeness lifeboat Christopher North Graham (Alfred Alexander), noticed a seal just outside the shallow water at Thorpe, and he quickly fetched his gun. Alexander was joined by another sportsman, named Ship, and two charges were fired at the seal, but did not kill it right out. A dog was then sent to fetch the seal ashore. The dog, seizing the seal by the tail, the latter immediately went down, taking the dog with him. The dog apparently lost hold, and returned to the surface. When the seal came to the surface again the dog next time seized it by the flap of his cheek, and this time landed the seal. It proved to be a very fine specimen, measuring four feet in length.

FIRE ALARM AT NEEDHAM MARKET.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A FAMILY.

The inhabitants of Needham Market were considerably alarmed about midnight on Sunday by a fire which broke out on the premises of Mr. Jas. Jennings, hairdresser, High Street. The inmates of the house retired to rest about 11 o'clock, and an hour later Wm. Archer, a lodger with the family, was aroused by a quantity of smoke in his bedroom—so much that he felt almost suffocated. He at once awoke Jennings, and they both rushed downstairs and found the front sitting-room all ablaze. The fire originated by the woodwork of the stove having become ignited through some soot having fallen at the back of the grate, in which a fire had been burning during the day. The soot evidently smouldered for some time, and then burst into a blaze, which caught the mantelboard. Several pieces of furniture were burnt or spoiled by the heat and water, and, no doubt, the timely discovery by Archer prevented a serious fire.

OFFICE BREAKING AT IPSWICH.

TWO GUNS MISSING.

The usual charge of house-breaking was varied at the Ipswich Police Court on Thursday, when an information for breaking into and entering an office in the occupation of Messrs. Grimwood and Co., was preferred against Edward Gowing, a labourer, of St. Matthew's Church Lane.—Mr. Marshall prosecuted.—William Mortimer, foreman to Mr. Grimwood, stated that the defendant had been in his employ, but left a week before the robbery, of his own accord. In the office were kept two guns—one belonging to himself and the other to a man named Roper. Witness locked up the office between eight and nine o'clock on July 30th. The following morning he found that the lock had been forced open, and the guns were missing. He identified the gun produced as the one that belonged to Roper.—Roper corroborated, and Edward Gooderham, a painter, of 9, Edgar Street, deposed to purchasing the gun from the defendant, and subsequently being stopped by Police-constable Tricker.—Gowing, who sought to set up an *alibi*, was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions.—A further charge was preferred against the prisoner of stealing a hammer from a farm at Bramford in the occupation of Mr. Bond, auctioneer, but this was dismissed.

ENGLISH-GROWN TOBACCO.

It is stated that the experiments in tobacco culture which were started some time since on the Preston Hall and Linton Park Estates, in Kent, under the sanction of a special Treasury warrant, are progressing satisfactorily. Half an acre of ground was devoted to the trials on each estate, the varieties of plants selected being Virginia and Connecticut. These were raised under glass, and were put out, when small, at the beginning of June, in a stiff loam soil. In spite of the lack of sunshine and excessive moisture, the plants throve in a satisfactory manner, and the whole of the crop was cut by the third week in September. The leaves were of good colour and size, and it is hoped, when the drying process is completed, the result will be about 3 cwt. of tobacco. The drying process is being carried out under the instructions of Mr. H. A. Wickham, a gentleman who has had considerable experience in tobacco growing in America. Artificial methods have been discarded, the plants being simply suspended from poles in a barn at Little Preston. The leaves generally are maturing satisfactorily.

AN OLD-TIME CUSTOM.

A number of spectators assembled on Monday afternoon in the room of the Queen's Remembrancer at the Law Courts to witness the payment of certain ancient quit rents. Master Pollock said that for the last 600 years someone on behalf of the City of London had always attended to render dues for certain lands and tenements—first, for a piece of land called the Moor, in Shropshire; and secondly, for a forge in the parish of St. Clement's. In former days the rent consisted of some service rendered. In process of time these services became irksome, and were commuted for a money payment. A quit rent was in some cases still kept up. Sometimes a yearly peppercorn was demanded; sometimes, as in the case of an ancestor of Sir Walter Scott, a red rose. Mr. Rankin, chief clerk, having called upon the representatives of the City of London to come forth and do their services, the City Solicitor approached the table and with several blows severed two bundles of twigs, which did duty as faggots, with two different hatchets. The rent of the forge was then paid by the presentation of six horseshoes and 60 nails.

EXCESSIVE RATING AT WYVERSTONE.

A PROTEST.

The Chairman of the Hartismere Guardians, on Monday, read a communication containing resolutions passed at a vestry meeting held at Wyverstone, protesting against the excessively high rates, which had for some time past been levied upon that parish.—The Rev. R. N. Sanderson (the Wyverstone Guardian) said that he informed those at the meeting that these heavy levies were caused by the extremely high rates demanded by the Council, Council, and that the Board of Guardians had no power to help them.—Mr. Vice-chairman Newstead, C.C., pointed out that these high rates were occasioned by the large amounts spent upon the highways and the County Lunatic Asylum, to say nothing about the high rates of wages which the County Council paid to men who worked upon the roads, for they were now paying twelve shillings per week for very inferior labour indeed, and he supposed for the purpose of setting other wage-paying individuals in the district an example. He hoped every parish in the county would protest in a similar manner to Wyverstone against this lavish expenditure by the County Council; only let them protest to the County Council itself.—The clerk (Mr. John Bond) said that the probability was that the rates would be higher in the future instead of lower. Within the past fifteen years the assessment of their union had been reduced from £103,000 to £73,000, and it therefore followed that the amount in the £ must be higher. The Clerk next drew the attention of the Board to the unfairly low fees which the County Council had fixed to be paid to the returning officers at the forthcoming district and Parish Council elections. The discussion having drifted out of its natural course no action was taken with regard to the Wyverstone rating.

IPSWICH PRISON.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

It appears from the annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons that the daily average number of prisoners in the 57 prisons in England and Wales during the year ended March 31st, 1894, was 14,559. In the Ipswich Prison, the daily average was 79. The greatest number at any time during the year was 115, and the smallest number 55. The cost of the prison during the year, under the several heads of expenditure, was as follows:—Cost of staff, £1,776 11s. 1d.; maintenance of prisoners, £378 17s. 2d.; other expenses, £116 7s. 11d.; total cost, £2,471 16s. 2d.; cost per prisoner, £31 5s. 9d. The following is the report of the Inspector of the above Prison:—Hard labour of the 1st class has been enforced by means of the tread-wheel, which accommodates 19 prisoners, and works a saw to cut firewood. The other labour has consisted of chopping and bundling wood, and oakum-picking. The females have been employed in the laundry and at needlework. The conduct of the officers has been very good. The conduct of the prisoners has been good. The supplies from the contractors have been satisfactory. The chaplain reports that daily morning prayers have been held, as well as the services on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday. On these occasions the behaviour of the prisoners has been good; they have evidently taken an interest in the services, and joined heartily in the singing and responses. The chaplain has visited the prisoners on admission and on discharge, also in times of sickness, and as often as possible during their imprisonment. Those prisoners entitled to instruction have been carefully taught by the schoolmaster warder, to the satisfaction of the chaplain. The Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society continues to do excellent work in assisting deserving and needy men and women on their discharge. The chaplain regrets that the funds of this society are not sufficient to send all youths willing to a seafaring life, or give them in some other way an opportunity of learning a trade, so that they might be rescued at a time when there is more hope of reformation being permanent. The library is highly appreciated, and a means of great help in forming good desires in the minds and hearts of many of the prisoners. The medical officer reports that during the past year the health of the prisoners has been good, and that the sanitary arrangements of the whole prison are satisfactory.

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STORY OF A WEDDING RING.

At the Mont de Piété, the French pawnbroking institution, a wedding ring, pawned in 1857, has just been redeemed. The pawn ticket had been renewed 36 times, though only 17fr. had been originally lent on it.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A TRAIN ON THE G.E.R.

While walking along the line on Thursday morning George Ruffell, aged about 50, a platelayer in the employ of the Great Eastern Railway, was knocked down dy a train between Colchester and Marks Tey. His head was cut severely, and he was at once removed to the Essex and Colchester Hospital.

FALSE PRETENCES AT SUDBURY.

WHOLESALE HALTER STEALING.

At Sudbury Quarter Sessions on Monday, Thomas Willoughby, dealer, Mildenhall, was charged with obtaining 67 halters by false pretences, the property of Mr. Ronald Francis, of Market Hill, in September, 1893. The defendant represented himself as a partner in the firm of Hartley, Bros., marine store dealers, of Bury St. Edmund's, and it was on that statement he was allowed to take them away.—Police-constable Broom proved apprehending the prisoner as he left Cambridge Gaol.—Superintendent Emmerson proved a long list of convictions.—The prisoner was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

MR. COURTNEY ON LIQUOR LEGISLATION.

Speaking on the temperance question at Liskeard on Monday, Mr. Leonard Courtney, M.P., said there were many who questioned the advisability of the intrusion of the law into the domain which concerned private conduct only. But many things which formerly were regarded as weaknesses and errors had come to be looked upon as crimes, and were made the subject of legal coercion on the will. They had ceased, almost, to discuss whether the Legislature was justified in interfering with regard to temperance reform, and the question now was what should be the nature of the interference. Local veto required a large concurrence of opinion before it could be adopted and put into operation, and, therefore, its operation would be very partial and rare. Mere limitation of the number of public-houses would not cure the evil, nor could they look to the Gothenburg system for cure. He should, however, like to see the latter tried experimentally in this country. Indeed, he was in favour of all experiments in liquor legislation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

ADDRESS BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

The Archbishop of Canterbury took the chair on Monday at the annual Conference of the Canterbury Diocesan Sunday School Teachers' Association, in the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral. There was a crowded attendance, and an overflow meeting was held in the Library. The Archbishop first dwelt upon the impossibility of teachers imparting a complete course of religious education. As their work was limited, they should rather strive to create an interest and stimulate a desire for knowledge, and assist in the promotion of means such as village libraries, by which the scholars could obtain requisite knowledge as to the doctrine and history of the Church, which was so essential. This knowledge was the more necessary because of efforts that were being made to cripple the Church, and take away a portion of the means by which at present it carried on Christian instruction. It was the plain duty of every Churchman to resist this, as they believed the Church was God's own institution, and was the successor of that body which Christ and His Apostles formed. Addresses were also given by the Rev. Canon Joy, the Dean of Canterbury, the Bishop of Dover, and Canon Holland.

DISPUTE ABOUT A FOOTPATH IN ESSEX.

RIGHT OF WAY VINDICATED.

Judge Pa'erson and a jury heard an interesting case at the Braintree County Court on Tuesday, when Wm. Polley, a seed grower, of Coggeshall, claimed £10 damages from Henry Nunn, a blacksmith. Nunn had gained considerable local reputation by frequently championing public rights in a forcible manner, and in the present instance, believing that a footpath formerly existed across certain fields in the parish, he got up a demonstration, and cut a way through a high hedge, erected an iron bridge over a watercourse, and declared the path open to the public for ever. The plaintiff adduced strong evidence to show that no public path ever existed at the place, but the defendant called six old parishioners, who swore that a footpath did exist there in their early days, and that they themselves, as well as their fathers before them, had used it. For the past 30 years, however, there had been no path, and all passage was obstructed. The property had changed hands, and notices warning trespassers had been put up. The Jury found that a path did formerly exist, and judgment was given for the defendant.

IPSWICH SCHOOL BOARD.

THE NEW SCHOOL AT SPRINGFIELD.

Mr. Walton Turner (chairman), presided over an ordinary meeting of the Ipswich School Board, on Wednesday, when the Finance Committee recommended the payment of a sum of £525 for the purchase of the site from Mr. F. J. Bugg, for the new school at Springfield, Bramford Road.—Mr. E. F. Bisshop, the architect for the school, had revised the plans, and finding it was necessary to provide greater class-room accommodation, the Committee recommended the purchase of 15 additional rods of land. To meet this requirement Mr. Bugg had conveyed to the Board 12 additional rods of land free of cost, for which gift he was cordially thanked by the members. It was reported that precautions had been taken by the Argyle Street School managers against the spreading of contagious diseases by ordering the periodical disinfection of the premises.—The course suggested by the Works Committee, that the Chairman and Clerk should consult the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector on this and other sanitary matters was adopted.—The managers of

ST. MARY ELMS SCHOOL

had referred to the Works Committee an account of £54 for the relaying of the playground. The dirty condition of the drift way at the side of St. Mary Elms School, over which the adjoining owner had a right of way, formed the subject of a complaint by the head teacher, who had been instructed to communicate with the Sanitary Inspector.—The report of the Rev. W. J. Garrould to the effect that the number of students attending the evening classes was larger by 41 than at the same time last year, was received with satisfaction.—Mr. Dale referred to the creditable performances of the children at the annual physical exercises competition, and said that the high standard attained was a matter of much congratulation to the instructors and teachers generally.

A LADY GUARDIAN FOR IPSWICH.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL.

A fairly well-attended meeting, under the auspices of the Ipswich branch of the British Women's Temperance Association, was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, to listen to an address by Mrs. Hatton, a member of the Wolverhampton Board of Guardians. Mrs. S. Alexander, treasurer of the branch, presided, and in introducing the principal speaker, explained that the association existed for the purpose of promoting total abstinence and temperance reform in various ways. It was, she said, within comparatively recent years that women had had votes, and they felt that there was a great deal of power and responsibility imposed upon those who were in the position of electors.—Mrs. Hatton remarked that the vote placed a great responsibility on women, and she counselled them to use it for God's glory and the uplifting of humanity. As to the introduction of women on Boards of Guardians, she considered that it opened a wide field for usefulness and Christian philanthropy. The presence of women on the Boards had, too,

AN INFLUENCE FOR GOOD ON MEN,

it made them temperate in their language and judgment, and called forth reverence and chivalry. By the action of the women the drink bill was also greatly lessened. £250 was spent yearly at the Wolverhampton Workhouse on tobacco, but now, instead of the wards reeking with tobacco smoke, they had been able to employ additional nurses. In conclusion she expressed the hope that the lady candidate (Mrs. Griffiths) to be nominated at the next Guardians' election would be returned at the head of the poll.—Mrs. Griffiths also spoke, regretting that so few of the 1,700 women electors in the borough of Ipswich were present. Referring to Ladies' Visiting Committees she remarked that it was not until January last year that the Local Government Board consented to their formation. The Ipswich Board had discussed the matter, and

OBJECTED TO A COMMITTEE BEING FORMED,

and one did not therefore exist. Women could do a very great deal on Boards of Guardians, and it was because of this conviction that she had determined to stand, and her audience would be pleased to know that Mrs. J. P. Cobbold would stand too. She should not ask for a single vote, though she would be thankful if women desiring their return would canvass for them. There were 27 Guardians for the Ipswich Union, and she thought they ought not to be satisfied with less than seven out of the number. The customary votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

LITIGATION OVER A PROMISSORY NOTE.

ALLEGED PERJURY AT HALESWORTH.

On Wednesday, at the Halesworth County Court, Susannah Girling sued Ellis John Roberts, of Halesworth, for £5, balance of money due on a promissory note.—Plaintiff said that defendant was her son, and in November, 1890, he hired a public-house in Halesworth, she lending him money to pay the valuation, and supplying him with furniture, together to the amount of £17, he signing a promissory note, which she produced. He had paid off £12, leaving the amount due, which she now claimed.—Defendant stated that he took the Trowel and Hammer public-house in November, 1890, and borrowed £9 of his mother, which he had since paid her, with interest. He would swear that he had never signed the promissory note, and had never seen it until that day.—His Honour said that perjury had evidently been committed by one or other of the parties, and he would adjourn the case till the next Court, when plaintiff said her daughter, who had witnessed her son's signature, would also be present.

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ELECTRIC LIGHT IN THE CHURCHES.

The electric light is gradually growing in favour as an illuminant of the greater London churches. A very successful installation has just been completed in St. Peter's, Eaton Square, where the exquisite marble work of the chancel is now seen to perfect advantage.

SIX PATIENTS FOR PASTEUR FROM ACCRINGTON.

Six persons, a married woman and five boys, bitten by a mad dog, left Accrington on Monday for the Pasteur Institute. One of the boys had two fingers bitten off, another had his nose almost severed, and a third his thigh badly lacerated.

PLOMESGATE UNION AFFAIRS.

THE ALDEBURGH LADY ADMITTED TO THE WORKHOUSE.

At the weekly meeting of the Plomesgate Board of Guardians, at Wickham Market, on Monday, Mr. Geo. Walker presiding, Mrs. Gulthorpe attended the Board and said she had no friends and no one to care for here She hoped the Board would allow her to remain in the Workhouse, as she had nowhere else to go. This the Guardians consented to do on condition that she would hand over her property to them for her benefit. They would deduct all expenses they were put to on her behalf.—The Clerk reported that £3,200 had been received from the rates during the half-year, and £1,115 2s. 6d. from the County Council for lunatics, salaries, &c. The total rateable value of the Union is increased by £222, and now stands at £99,460. The Workhouse charges were £406 5s. 7d., out-relief £1,362 4s. 8d., and lunatics £570 17s. 5d. In the relief list for Framlingham there were 15 cases between 70 and 95 years of age.

MR. F. S. STEVENSON ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT.

MEETING AT BEALINGS.

On Tuesday evening Mr. F. S. Stevenson, M.P., presided over a well-attended meeting in Bealings Board School, in connection with the new Parish Councils Act as it relates to Playford and Great and Little Bealings parishes. In the course of his remarks Mr. Stevenson said that now for the first time local government was brought to their doors, and they had an opportunity to manage the affairs of the parish. The Local Government Act, 1894, gave them the direct democracy of the parish meeting, and the representative democracy of the Parish Council, the democracy delegating its powers to an elected authority. He described the powers of the Parish Councils over various charities, and pointed out the considerable powers conferred on them for the purchase and hire of land for allotments. They had, however, power not only to purchase but also of hiring, and this was the first time that compulsory powers of hiring had been conferred upon any authority in England, though they had previously existed in Scotland. He dwelt also on the important powers of the Rural District Councils which would take the place of the Rural Sanitary Authority, while the Councillors would also act as Poor-law Guardians.—At the close of the proceedings a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Stevenson for presiding.

SUFFOLK QUARTER SESSIONS.

A LIGHT CALENDAR AT BURY.

The adjourned Suffolk Quarter Sessions were held in the Shirehall, Bury St. Edmund's, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Col. Barnardiston. The criminal business was of an exceedingly light character, there being only two cases in the calendar.—The Rev. Sir Wm. Hyde Parker, Bart., of Long Melford Hall, qualified as a magistrate for Suffolk.—A certificate for enrolment was presented and accepted as to a footpath crossing a meadow known as Campin Close at Haverhill. By the proposed diversion a much better footpath would be provided.—Coming to the

CRIMINAL BUSINESS,

George Wright (17), labourer, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Daniel Rice, with intent to steal, at Groton. In answer to the Chairman, Chief-Warder J. R. Groves stated that Wright had been twice flogged for stealing. The Chairman, taking into account the time that Wright had been in prison awaiting trial, sentenced him to one month's hard labour.—James Salter (34), labourer, pleaded guilty to stealing an alpaca coat, waistcoat, silk handkerchief, print shirt, cotton blouse, straw hat, and gold ring, of the value of £2 10s., the property of Herbert Coley, at Clare. Prisoner, who had been twice previously convicted, was committed for six calendar months' hard labour.

AN ESSEX MAN'S STARTLING ADVENTURES.

STRUGGLES WITH A LION.

Startling news the other day reached Mr. John Hampton, of Beldam's Farm, Bishop Stortford. This was to the effect that his son (Mr. Leonard Hampton), who is in South Africa, had been twice attacked by a lion. Mr. Leonard Hampton left Bishop Stortford a few years since for Bechuanaland, and during the war worked a Maxim in the front column. Becoming part owner of a gold mine, he, in company with a friend named Whittaker, was going further up country when the affair happened. Mr. Hampton's letter home states that he was coming in from the Lo Magondi district, intending to go to Salisbury. The party of two stopped the first night in a valley and made a fire. In his own words:—"I was lying on my left side, with my face close to the fire, when suddenly I felt a big animal bound on top of me and

SEIZE HOLD OF MY ARM

between the wrist and elbow. I shouted out, and Whittaker jumped up, when the animal let go of me. I started to get on my feet, and he gripped me in the back, swinging me off the ground with the intention of carrying me away. We both shouted, and either my jacket gave way or else he let go. I got up on my feet, and as I was doing so I could see a big lion standing four yards off looking at me, with his tail standing out stiff behind him. Whittaker fired a shot in his direction (it was very dark), and he crossed the road a few yards, as we could hear him walking round us in the half-burnt stalks of grass and growling occasionally, and we expected him every moment to spring on us. I can tell you it was

RATHER EXCITING.

At last he went off (by the sound) into the bush, 30 yards away. I felt a bit faint for a minute, but it soon passed off again." On reaching Salisbury Mr. Hampton was attended by Dr. Rand. Next morning his arm was fearfully swollen, and the bites were all green and very painful. The doctor cut half a dozen big gashes to let out the blood. It was feared the arm would be lost from blood poisoning, but three weeks afterwards it was healing up fast. The lion made one pair of teeth meet in the top of the arm, and there were two more bites under the arm, while the limb was gripped so tightly that it was bruised as though it had been in a mangle. There was a claw wound in the neck, and others in the shoulder and upper part of the arm. Mr. Hampton's clothing was torn into slits.

BECCLES POULTRY SHOW.

SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK WINNERS.

A very creditable exhibition of poultry, pigeons, rabbits, and cavies was opened by the Mayor of Beccles in the Town Hall on Tuesday. This was the first show of its kind, and judging by the quality of the exhibits, the presumption is that it will not be the last. The exhibition was open to Norfolk and Suffolk, and most of the fanciers in the two counties, professional and amateur, were represented, the exhibits numbering 600, divided into 67 classes. In the division for poultry, Mr. H. R. Plattin, of Fakenham, was awarded two first prizes and a special for his game cock and hen; Messrs. Branford and Caddell, of Woodbridge, were first for Malay cock and hen; Mr. J. M. Longe, Wickham Market, showed the best cock and hen in the classes for Brahmas and Cochins, and Mr. C. Gaskin, of East Dereham, was awarded first for two

FINE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORPINGTON BREED.

Other first-prize winners were Mr. F. Stratton, of East Rudham, with Minorca cock; Mr. A. Moss, Great Yarmouth, Minorca hen; Mr. G. Versey, Lowestoft, Leghorn cock and hen; Mr. J. Woodger, Lowestoft, Hamburgh hen; Mr. S. H. Benns, Yarmouth, Plymouth Rock cock; Mr. H. Murton, King's Lynn, Wyandotte cock and pair of Indian Game Dorkings, suitable for table purposes; Messrs. Abbott Bros., Wyandotte hen; Miss F. A. Roberts, Ipswich, Hondan cockerel; Mr. H. Rouse, Woodbridge, Minorca (selling class); Mr. J. M. Longe, Mr. D. T. Armes, Rev. G. H. Thompson, Toulouse goose; Mr. D. T. Armes, Rouen drake. The class for bantams evoked warm commendation, and the commendations included

NEARLY EVERY BIRD OTHER THAN PRIZE WINNERS.

Mr. R. Bowes's game cock took a first prize, and Mr. H. R. Emms was first for game hens. In the "any variety classes," first and a special went to Mr. G. V. Garrett for his silver Sebright cock (1893), and to Mr. R. Bowes, of Beccles, for a black Pekin cockerel, six months old. The pigeon classes were all well filled, and made a grand show. Mr. H. Bunn, of Lowestoft, was first for blue or black Norwich croppers (male and female), and his cockerel won for "any other colour." Mr. H. Reynolds, of Lowestoft, took first for his hen in this class. For Norwich croppers bred in 1894 Mr. H. Bunn and Mr. H. Reynolds were again successful exhibitors, the latter also standing first with his pouter blue cock. For Antwerps Mr. W. P. Mountjoy, of Ipswich, was placed first and second, Mr. G. V. Garrett was first for magpies, Mr. R. C. Pratt for short-faced tumblers, Messrs. Jules and Searles, Lowestoft, for

LONG-FACED TUMBLERS.

Messrs. H. and A. Hunt, Lowestoft, were the first in the classes for the likeliest birds for flying purposes, their Plymouth cock exhibited having flown 293 miles, while the hen had flown 208 miles. The rabbit classes were in five varieties, the prize for the "lop" being awarded to Mr. Jas. Wheeler, of Ipswich; for the best Belgian hare to Messrs. Roche and Grimwade, Ipswich; for Dutch variety, Mr. J. High, of Yarmouth; for silvers, Mr. J. Alderton, Cottishall; for Angoras, Mr. C. Saul, Yarmouth. The winners in the classes for cavies were Mr. J. High, of Yarmouth, and Mr. E. Booth, of Woodbridge. The arrangements for the show were excellently carried out, with the assistance of Messrs. Spratt's agent, by Mr. H. Copeman, the hon. secretary, and a committee, with the Mayor as chairman. The judges were Messrs. G. B. G. Breeze, H. R. Emms, and W. V. Longe.

SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF EPILEPTICAL FITS.—We strongly recommend any of our readers suffering from Epilepsy or Hysteria to send their names and addresses to Mr. Oscar Fanyau, 90, Great Russell Street, London, who will, if they mention this paper, send to them gratis his Practical Treatise on the permanent cure of Epileptical Fits and other diseases of the Nervous System.

UNDER THE HAMMER.

LOWESTOFT.

The marine residence, 18, Esplanade, Lowestoft, which was offered for sale by Mr. A. G. Notley on September 19th, has been sold by private treaty to Mr. W. Youngman, of Norwich.

CLARE.

On Monday Mr. Balls, of Castle Hedingham, offered for sale at the Half Moon Hotel, Clare, the house and premises until lately in the occupation of Mr. W. L. Fenner, deceased. The lot was withdrawn at £425.

LOWESTOFT HOUSEKEEPER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Mr. C. W. Chaston, county coroner, held an inquiry at Lowestoft on Tuesday into the death of a housekeeper named Ellen Reid (24) who died under painfully sudden circumstances on Monday morning. It appeared that Geo. Stevenson, a groom, was asked into the kitchen of Dr. Bell by deceased on Sunday evening, who then appeared to be quite well. Suddenly she complained of headache and left the room. She then returned and took some porridge into the next room, but five minutes later Stevenson found the deceased lying on the floor. Dr. Shaun was called, but death ensued within a few hours, the result of hemorrhage of the brain caused by the rupture of a large blood vessel. Verdict accordingly.

SHOCKING CRUELTY TO A HORSE AT WASHBROOK.

On Tuesday at the Samford Petty Session, Cable Wright, of Ipswich, was summoned by Mr. J. Blake, S.P.C.A., Ipswich, for cruelly treating a horse at Washbrook on the 4th October. Defendant, on the 4th October, was driving through Washbrook to Ipswich, and had two horses tied behind his cart. One of these horses had a rope through its mouth fastened to the cart, and it was fixed in such a way that the slightest pull by the animal would cause its tongue and mouth to be cut. When stopped by Police-constable Peck blood was dropping from the animal's mouth, and its tongue was very much injured.—Mr. E. C. Fisher, Deputy Chief Constable, who had seen the horse, said that its tongue was nearly cut through.—Oliver Blake, blacksmith, of Copdock (at whose shop Wright had stopped), said he warned the prisoner of the way in which he had tied his horses' mouths, but the defendant did not alter them.—For the defence, Wright said that in going down Washbrook Hill the back chain of the cart broke, and no doubt it was then that the horses behind pulled.—Defendant was fined £1 with £1 costs, with the option of a month.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

SUFFOLK RETURNING OFFICERS' EXPENSES.

The Clerks to the various Boards of Guardians in East Suffolk are greatly exercised over the limited amounts fixed by the East and West Suffolk County Council for returning officers' fees, and on Saturday a meeting of clerks to Guardians was held at Ipswich to consider the question. The result of their deliberations is contained in the following circular letter, which has been addressed to the members of the East and West Suffolk County Councils:—"Ipswich, October 22nd, 1894. My Lords and Gentlemen,—At a meeting of Clerks to the Guardians and Local Boards in East and West Suffolk, held on Saturday last, the proposed scales of election expenses for East and West Suffolk were carefully considered. The meeting was unanimously of opinion that the expenses which will necessarily be incurred by the returning officers will be considerably in excess of the amounts which will be paid to them under such scales. This being the case, they felt that they could not possibly consent to act as returning officers, desirous as they are to carry out such work. As Chairman of the meeting, I was requested to communicate this resolution to the East and West Suffolk County Councils; to point out that any inclusive scale must necessarily be unjust, the expenses varying enormously, according to the circumstances of the several parishes, so that if the scale is fair in one case, it must be insufficient or excessive in other cases; and to suggest that the only fair way to deal with the Returning Officer would be to give him a fee for his personal services, and to pay him the amount of his actual disbursements in addition.—I have the honour to be, &c., A. F. VULLIAMY."

SUFFOLK BARLEY AT THE BREWERS' EXHIBITION.

EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL SUCCESSES.

Suffolk grown barley has maintained its long-standing reputation, and added fresh honours to several local growers who exhibited samples at the Brewers and Allied Trades' Exhibition now being held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, London. Mr. J. H. Wrinch, barley merchant, Ipswich, was exceptionally successful, his exhibit being grown by Mr. T. Hayward, of Sudbourne. Mr. Wrinch gains the champion prize, a piece of plate or gold medal value £10, for the finest bushel of malting barley of any growth, beating 124 English and 84 foreign competitors, the samples shown being Webb's Golden Grain. Mr. Wrinch also takes the first prize, a silver medal and diploma, for best English barley; the first prize of £15 15s., given by London brewers for the best barley grown in Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambs, and Herts; a silver cup, given by the Colchester Brewing Company, for the best barley grown in Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk; a diploma from the *Mark Lane Express* for the best barley for seed purposes; a cup, value £2 2s., presented by Mr. R. Liebmann, barley broker, Borough, and also the extra prize of £10, as

WINNER OF THE CHAMPION PRIZE,

given by Messrs. Webb and Sons, of Worsley, for the best exhibit grown from their barleys. Mr. Wrinch, as the winner of Class 1, was also the winner of a £5 prize given by Messrs. Webb, but a condition that no winner should take the two prizes barred him from receiving that prize. Mr. Wrinch also took the £10 prize given by Mr. R. Boby, of Bury St. Edmund's, as winner of the champion prize for barley prepared by his machinery. Such a galaxy of prizes seldom falls to the lot of one exhibitor, and it is most gratifying to know that the winning barley is of Suffolk growth. In the extra prizes given by London brewers, Mr Spencer Dawson, of Stratton Hall, near Ipswich, gained the third prize of £3 3s. with a good sample of Hallett's Pedigree.

BISHOP OF NORWICH AT LEISTON.

THE JOY OF HARVEST AND THE JOY OF RELIGION.

The harvest thanksgiving services which commenced at the parish church, Leiston, on Wednesday evening, were continued on Sunday. At the early celebration in the morning the celebrant was the Bishop of Norwich, and a choral celebration of the Holy Communion was held in the church after matins. His lordship attended Aldringham Church at morning service, and preached the sermon, the vicar, the Rev. C. du G. Makepeace, officiating. In the afternoon the Bishop preached at the Mission Church at Coldfair Green, and in the evening at Leiston. The church at the latter place was filled to overflowing with a crowded congregation, additional seats having to be temporarily provided for the people, many of whom came from the outlying districts for miles around. The choral part of the service was a repetition of that of Wednesday evening, and was very creditably rendered by the choir; the anthem in particular "Ye shall dwell in the land" (*Stainer*), being well sung. The service opened with the "Old Hundredth" hymn, the choir marching in procession from the vestry to the choir stalls. The clergy officiating were the Rev. B. W. Raven, rector, and the Rev. C. Dale, who preceded the Bishop and carried his pastoral staff. His lordship preached from the words, "They joy before Thee according to the joy in harvest." He said that the joy which believing men experienced at harvest time was a natural joy, an innocent and pure joy, and a joy without drawback or alloy because of sin. He asked them to glance for a moment only at some of the constituent parts of this harvest joy. It was natural joy, for how strangely and wonderfully beautiful was the earth at harvest time! Look at this fair England of ours, surely one of the fairest countries in the world which God had made; see their beautiful Suffolk woods, with all the tints of autumn, the gold and brown and russet and crimson in all their autumnal beauty. Think of the sunset, gilded with sapphire and gold, or of their orchards, with the trees bending low with their rosy and luscious burdens. How fair was this land of ours at harvest time! The joy of harvest was also an intellectual one. They all knew what a sense of contentment and satisfaction was experienced when, after waiting many months from the seed time, the harvest was at last safely garnered in. It might be that in this country the harvest might have somewhat disappointed their hopes, and it might be that God had intended it as a chastisement for their national sins, but they had reason to be thankful that the harvest of the world was plentiful, and by reason of their wondrous commerce the corn poured in from all parts of the globe; a drawback, he granted, to the farmers, but oh! what a blessing to the poor! They rejoiced and were thankful when they saw the poor labourers in the villages, when they thought of the poor in the lanes and alleys of their great towns, and the poor widows and orphans delivered now from any fear of want, they rejoiced with the thankfulness of harvest joy. Continuing, the speaker said that there were, perhaps, many among the young people present who had been told that there was

NO JOY IN RELIGION,

that it was a dreary and gloomy thing, that it would take away all joy from life, and that religion was a matter which they must have a little bit of, but the less they could do with religion and the longer they could keep it at arm's length so much the better for the enjoyment of life. But this was maligning the blessed religion of peace and joy, and those who did this were maligners of the very meaning of the Gospel itself; and they calumniated religion who denied that her ways were ways of pleasantness and her paths were peace. The holy Gospel was filled with joy, from the time when the angels sang their hymns of joy at the birth of the Saviour down to the very last verse of the Book of Revelations. The preacher called attention to the fact that, though at the Reformation a more penitential element was introduced into their service, still at matins and evensong three-fourths was praise, while the Holy Eucharist was the crowning service of praise, the word "Eucharist" meaning thanksgiving, and in it they joined with the angels in adoration of our Lord. The whole of the Bishop's eloquent address was attentively listened to by the congregation, and at the conclusion of the service a procession was formed round the church, after which the "Te Deum" was sung by the choir and congregation, the latter joining heartily in the musical portions of the service throughout. The total amount of the collections at all the services was over £12, which will be divided between the funds of the Additional Curates' Society and the Diocesan Society.

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LIVING WITHOUT SLEEP.

The Schull Guardians, co. Cork, have, according to the *West Cork Eagle*, discovered a case of insomnia in that Workhouse which probably is without parallel. A man named Decourcey, who is half-witted, has, it is alleged, been 380 days without sleep, day or night. He is over 70 years of age, eats his meals regularly, and is in excellent health.

LORD ROSEBERY AGAIN.

AN HOTEL KEEPER HOAXED.

Towards the close of last week an hotel manager at Nice received a telegram from Calais signed "Lord Rosebery," in which rooms were ordered to be prepared for immediate occupation. As the hotel had not been opened for the season a large staff of men was at once set to work to make the place ready for the Premier's reception. It is now found that the telegram was a hoax.

A GIRL AN OWNER OF A CHURCH.

During his residence at Scarborough the late Rev. R. Brown-Borthwick, late vicar of St. John's, Clapham Rise, caused to be built a mission church, the money for which was borrowed on an insurance on his life, his congregation paying the premiums. Under his will a female servant is the residuary legatee, and as the title-deeds of the mission church are in the vicar's name the church has to be reckoned as part of his estate. The consequence of this is that the girl may become the owner of the church.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A GORLESTON CLERGYMAN.

On Monday, at Leicester Police Court, Henry George Lemoine, described as a clergyman, was charged with obtaining three guineas by false pretences from a pawnbroker named Witham. The defendant, who formerly resided at Groby, but was stated to be now living at Gorleston, near Yarmouth, some months ago gave a bill of sale for £30, a tricycle being among the articles assigned. Subsequently he pledged the tricycle as his own property, in consequence of which Witham was alleged to be defrauded. It was contended that the defendant had no felonious intent. The Magistrates decided to commit for trial, but the case was adjourned for further evidence.

EYE MUSICAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of members of the Eye Musical Society was held at the infants' schoolroom on Tuesday evening. Dr. Barnes, the president, presided. It was unanimously resolved to continue the Society another year. The following officers were elected:—President, Dr. Barnes; treasurer, Mr. C. F. Wright; secretary, Rev. W. H. Chambers; conductor, Mr. F. W. Bray; accompanist, Mrs. Rix. Committee: Miss Cullum, Miss Denny, Mrs. Harold Warnes, Miss Gissing, Miss Taylor, Messrs. W. Carter, O. Everson, H. Skuffham, T. Skuffham, H. Woolsey, and Rev. A. J. Spencer. Hearty vote of thanks were passed to Dr. Barnes and Mr. F. W. Bray for their past services. The first rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, the 6th November.

THE SOUTHEND MURDER.

DATE OF READ'S TRIAL AT CHELMSFORD.

As soon as the Chelmsford Assizes have been formally opened next week application will be made by the counsel engaged in the Southend murder case to fix a day for the hearing. Counsel on both sides are agreed on Friday, November 9, as a suitable date. The hearing will occupy two days, and it is expected that a verdict will be given in time to enable the jury to reach their homes on Saturday night. Seventy witnesses will be called for the prosecution. These will include several persons whose depositions were not taken by the magistrates, and a striking piece of evidence will be forthcoming from one of the new witnesses in opposition to Read's statement that he had no communications with the deceased girl for 18 months prior to her murder. It is understood that Read will call three or four witnesses, but they will only be asked to speak to character.

REDGRAVE POLICE CASES

AT HARTISMERE SESSIONS.

Walter Foulger and Albert Holland, labourers, Botesdale, were on Monday charged with trespassing in search of game at Redgrave on the 8th inst. Neither of the defendants appeared, but after hearing the evidence of a witness named Robert Garnham, in the employ of Mr. G. Holt Wilson, the defendant Holland, who had been several times previously convicted, was fined £1 and costs 6s. 6d., in default 14 days' imprisonment; while Foulger was fined 5s. 6d. with costs 6s. 6d., or seven days' imprisonment.—Herbert John Elsey, farmer, Redgrave, was charged with disobeying an order made on the 2nd of July last, to pay 1s. per week towards his mother's maintenance. The defendant pleaded inability to pay, stating that all the property on his farm belonged to his wife. The Clerk (Mr. Frank Woolnough), however, elicited from him that he regularly worked for his wife, and that he earned from 10s. to 12s. per week. The defendant added that he was sorry his mother had become chargeable to the parish. The Bench ordered defendant to pay the amount due with costs.

CHRISTCHURCH PARK MANSION.

WORTHY GIFT TO IPSWICH.

Above we give a view of that fine old structure known as Christchurch Park Mansion, Ipswich. This old mansion, built in the reign of Edward VI., with its ivy-mantled walls and striking architectural beauties, was, as *Journal* readers are aware, doomed to demolition; but thanks to splendid generosity, it has been saved from the spoiler's hand and preserved to posterity as one of the noblest relics of ancient Ipswich. Mr. Felix T. Cobbold, with that kindly interest for the welfare of Ipswich which has ever been characteristic of his family, has purchased the mansion with the object of presenting it to the town in the event of the purchase of Christchurch Park being completed and used as a pleasure resort by the people of Ipswich. When the Town Council recently decided to purchase 51 acres of the Park it was understood that the house would be demolished, the trees cut down, and the lawn and adjoining land laid out for building purposes. Mr. Cobbold, as we have already said, has stepped in and preserved this relic of antiquity; and has, in addition, acquainted the Mayor of the borough with his future intentions regarding the property. Among the most interesting legends of Christchurch Park is that referring to the visit of Queen Elizabeth to Ipswich in 1579, on which occasion she is reported to have slept at the mansion, the bedroom in which she slept having long since been classified among the many haunted chambers of East Anglia. The legends of the Park also make mention of a subterranean passage or passages leading from the Priory to St. Margaret's Church; but diligent search has, however, dispelled any such notion.

YACHTING MEN AT DINNER.

INTERESTING GATHERING AT IPSWICH.

An interesting gathering took place at the Great White Horse Hotel, Ipswich, on Saturday evening, when the Commodore of the Orwell Corinthian Yacht Club (Mr. Edward Packard) presided over the annual dinner, which was attended by the Mayor of Ipswich (Mr. S. R. Anness).—Distributing the prizes and challenge cups won during the past season, the Chairman observed that the racing had been exceedingly keen, but they wanted to see a few more boats on the river, especially those of the cruising class. Yachting men, he said, were exercising their minds as to whether the rating rule of the Y.R.A. produced the best type of boats. That rule had been the means of producing the most speedy boats, but such boats had their disadvantages. He instanced a 20-rater carrying a crew of six or eight hands, where one had to crawl along the deck to get from one end to the other. The rule as to the rating of boats had been frequently altered by the Y.R.A., and he expressed a hope that the alteration was permanent, adding that though the latitude of the present rule gave yacht-designers

A MEANS OF CONTINUALLY BUILDING BOATS,

it placed yacht owners, who were desirous of racing, in a difficult and expensive position. Alluding to the handicap races of the club, he thought they had been most successful, and for that reason he suggested they should give that description of boat every possible encouragement.—The prizes were distributed, and the challenge cup, presented by Mr. A. F. Penraven in 1892, for the una class, was taken by Mr. F. Mason, owner of the Wenonah. Mr. A. Howey, the owner of the Mirage, which was sailed by Mr. F. H. Carwardine, obtained the cup for the one-rating class.—Mr. F. St. J. Gore, responding for the prize winners, mentioned the interest manifested in the handicap class, and in speaking of the advantages of the Orwell, said it was the only river in the kingdom, with the exception of the Solent, where such a long stretch was obtainable without going outside the harbour.—Mr. F. Mason also responded to the toast, remarking that the unas were frequently despised by those gentlemen who owned larger boats, but he wished to remind them that more sport in that class had been experienced during the past season than in any other. He was of opinion that if the

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were better known more boats would be brought to the river, and more members to the Club.—Mr. F. H. Carwardine and Mr. W. H. Alexander also acknowledged the toast, after which the Chairman proposed the health of "The Mayor," who, in responding, assured the Company that the authorities would do all that was possible to improve the river both for commerce and yachting.—Mr. W. P. Burton toasted the "Royal Harwich Yacht Club," to which Mr. Lucas Cobbold, secretary of the R.H.Y.C., responded.—Mr. A. Pearce proposed "Success to the O.C.Y.C.," and said its progress had been manifold during recent years. He characterised the past season as a unique one, and in eulogising the efforts of the hon. secretary, Mr. A. F. Pearaven, said it was through his zealous work for the welfare of the Club that it had prospered to such an extent.—Mr. A. E. Sidgwick responded in the absence of the Secretary.—Other toasts included "The Chairman," by Mr. W. A. Churchman; "The Ladies," by Mr. Rouse, responded to by Mr. W. N. Turner; and "The health of the Timekeeper, Mr. Robertson," by Mr. Sidney Turner. The following gentlemen contributed to the harmony of the evening:—Mr. W. N. Turner, Mr. A. Pearce, Mr. E. T. Packard, Mr. G. W. Horsfield, Mr. A. E. Sidgwick, and Mr. H. A. Wright. Mr. H. K. Frost accompanied.

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THE SUFFOLK ELECTIONS.

INTERVIEWS WITH IPSWICH CANDIDATES.

IPSWICH.

As was anticipated in these columns last week, there will be contests in three Wards in Ipswich on November 1st. The nominations took place on Wednesday. For the Westgate Ward Mr. R. D. Fraser (L) and Mr. John Pratt (L) were returned unopposed. In the Bridge Ward this year there is also to be peace, the old members—Mr. W. F. Paul (L) and Mr. A. J. Merry (L)—retaining their positions. In St. Clement's a determined attempt is to be made to capture a seat, Mr. Fred Bennett (C), who has represented the Ward for nine years, having for a fellow candidate Mr. T. W. Cotman, who has had long family associations with the district, and who, from his professional ability and experience, would be an acquisition on the Council. The retiring Liberal candidate, who again offers himself, is Mr. E. P. Ridley. Mr. Edgar Brooks is also nominated by the Independent Labour party. In the St. Margaret's Ward Mr. Fred. Turner (C), iron founder, has again been nominated, and Mr. A. Raphael has been adopted as the second Conservative candidate, while Mr. T. R. Elkington has been brought forward by the Liberal Association, and Mr. Wm. Charles Page by the Independent Labour party. Mr. Geo. Abbott (C), was also nominated, but in order to avoid a division in the side with which he is identified most loyally withdrew. An informal nomination of Mr. Richard Crannis was rejected. The second seat was held by Mr. Joseph Robinson (Liberal Labour representative). In the Middle Ward the old members were the Hon. Douglas Tollemache (C), and Mr. W. J. Catchpole (L). The latter declines municipal honours. The Hon. D. Tollemache has been re-nominated in conjunction with Mr. Owen Turner, who comes of a family whose name is linked with the municipal history of Ipswich. The Liberal candidate is Mr. Harry Cockrell, wine merchant, of St. Matthew's

MIDDLE WARD.

On Thursday the *Journal* Commissioner gathered by interview the opinions of the Conservative candidates on municipal matters, beginning with the Middle Ward.

From his profession as a banker, the Hon. Douglas Tollemache has been led to follow closely the finances of the Borough and made suggestions for economy in administration.

"I think," he said, in reply to a question, "there is a lack of uniformity in our finances that might be remedied. The Borough and Urban Sanitary Accounts must, according to Act of Parliament, be kept separate; but there might be, and in most towns is only one Finance Committee instead of two. The financial statements might be made similar in form, to cover the same period, and be published at the same time. Now the two authorities publish statements totally different. An ideal state of things in my opinion would be to have one consolidated rate to be fixed and raised by the Corporation, and to include all other rates. I fear there are many obstacles to be overcome before this object can be attained."

"You take a considerable interest in the subject of sanitary improvements?"

"Yes. We have been much behind other towns, but decided progress has been made in recent years by the Corporation. The Medical Officer has complained for many years of the accumulation of filth in the town. This has been one of the worst incentives to disease. The Corporation have lately taken active steps to remedy the evil by the extension of their staff for the removal of refuse of all descriptions. A special inspector of drains has been appointed, and at the present time there seems every prospect of a great improvement in the general health of the town. Ipswich is admirably situated, and with a progressive movement in this direction ought to become one of the healthiest towns in England."

"And what about the sewerage scheme?

"Not being a member of the Sewerage Committee, it is hardly in my province to express any decided opinion. We know that there is a strong feeling among many, of which I am one, that as soon as practical and efficient means can be decided on the sewage at the outfall should be treated. I believe there are several members of this Committee who are honestly endeavouring to work up to this object."

"What is your opinion as to the purchase of Christchurch Park?"

"My position is simply this. I had nothing to do with the original syndicate which purchased the park, but the banking firm with which I am connected took up a few shares in order to secure the account. This is the only way in which I am concerned with the undertaking, and the circumstances I have mentioned precluded me from recording my vote. I may say that provided it could be guaranteed that not more than a penny rate would be entailed, the proposal would be worthy of being looked into, but the very large and influential petition sent to the Corporation should receive full consideration before the Council should come to a decision. However, it seems that now all parties are willing to shake hands over Mr. Felix Cobbold's magnificent offer to the town.

The interview with Mr. Owen Turner was also brief and to the point. It took place at the premises in Princes Street, where he assists his father (Alderman Turner) in maintaining the prosperity of an important industry.

"To begin at the beginning I ought to ask you," said the Commissioner, "how it was that you came forward?"

"I found it was the opinion of many people that on account of the position I hold in the town and the keen interest I feel in many public matters that I am fitted for a seat on the Council."

"What are these subjects?"

"The first is the sewerage of the town. Associated with it is the purification of our river. Under the present system this is rendered at times little better than an open sewer, when it ought to be a great blessing in providing a fresh supply of salt water brought right into the town twice a day, and distributing its healthy and beneficial influences."

"You have already taken some action on the subject?"

"Yes, I have urged in letters in the press that instead of discharging the whole of the sewage at low water the effluent only should be discharged, and at high tide, so that it would be at once diluted in a large quantity of water and carried much lower down the river that it is at present."

"What other question do you give prominence to?"

"Street lighting. Ipswich does not compare at all favourably with other towns in this respect. By economising in other directions, and without extra cost, the town might be made to present a very different appearance. The courts and bye-streets where the working classes live have been particularly neglected in the past."

"What about the Park?"

"Should that question be re-opened, I feel that the only constitutional and satisfactory way of dealing with it would be to try and ascertain the opinion of the majority, by which I should be guided."

"Having lived in the Ward many years, you have special knowledge of its wants?"

"Yes. I may add that, if returned, I should endeavour and hope I should be able to help in reducing the rates in some directions, while forwarding every good scheme for the benefit of the people and the advancement of the borough, which, I trust, will always maintain its position as the most prosperous and leading town in the Eastern Counties."

ST. CLEMENT'S.

Mr. Fred. Bennett, who has for his fellow-candidate Mr. T. W. Cotman, seeks re-election after nine years' quiet yet conspicuously useful service on the Town Council. Proprietor of the New Street Building Works, and employing between 200 and 300 men, he still finds time to bring practical and ripened experience to bear on municipal questions. The undertakings with which as a leading contractor in the Eastern Counties he has been connected are too numerous to mention. Prominent among them, however, are the alterations carried out some few years since at Easton, and involving an outlay of £14,000; and the erection of the Ipswich Free Library, the Museum, the Art Gallery, and other public institutions. In an interview Mr. Bennett expressed his pleasure that within his last three years of office baths had been established in St. Clement's, and that they had been so greatly appreciated, a fact which he anticipated. His views on current subjects, he remarked, were very well known, and he was glad to give the Corporation the benefit of any experience he had acquired. In this connection reference was made to the services rendered by Mr. Bennett on several sub-committees where technical knowledge was required. Mr. Bennett very modestly replied it was satisfactory if he had proved useful. In his private capacity Mr. Bennett has done much to encourage sports of various kinds, and in a casual reference to this subject he manifested his real sympathy with young Ipswich.

Mr. T. W. Cotman, who is joining Mr. Bennett in the contest, showed his usual courtesy in stating the reasons why he had come forward.

"I have," he said, "been connected with the Ward for many years by residence and business connections, and therefore I responded to the request with more pleasure than I should have done to an invitation of this sort under ordinary circumstances."

"I believe it was thought, moreover, that with your professional knowledge you would be particularly useful on the Town Council. There is not a member of your profession on the Corporation?"

"Well, that point was represented to me."

"You have designed a number of our public buildings. Would you mind mentioning a few of which you have been the architect?"

"I suppose the St. Clement's people would be most interested in the Baths. Then there is the new bank, and many other buildings in the town and neighbourhood."

"You take an interest in the sewerage question?"

"Yes, I should watch very carefully the experiments now being made under the Hermite scheme."

"And the river?"

"I have known the river all my life. I feel very keenly that the docks are so connected with the commercial prosperity of the town that it is a question to my mind whether their control should not be taken over by the Corporation."

Mr. A. Raphael, who was adopted as the second Conservative candidate at a meeting of the Ward Association, held under the presidency of Mr. Edward Packard, jun., is the hon. secretary of the Conservative Club, and has taken an active part in local affairs.

"You have been on the Board of Guardians for a considerable period, I believe?" was the first interrogatory.

"Fourteen years," replied Mr. Raphael, "and throughout that time I have not had the slightest hesitation in expressing my opinions."

"And you were chosen a member of the Small Committee who were appointed to visit various workhouses in order to decide on model plans for a new Workhouse at Ipswich?"

"Yes."

"You are a member of several Friendly Societies in Ipswich?"

"I belong to all the important ones."

"What matters would you be disposed to especially press forward if elected?"

"The better lighting of the town. The borough is worse lighted than almost any other town of its size."

"Do you think this applies generally?"

"Yes, I think that not only the main streets, but the smaller and narrower ones, where the poor live, need improvement in this respect."

"What other subject do you consider deserves special attention?"

"The housing of the working classes. I should like to see some of the wretched cottages in the slums demolished. I had great pleasure in backing the scheme for the improvement of Long Lane, and served on the committee."

"There are several other proposals in which you have taken a keen interest, sometimes being 'for' and sometimes 'against.'"

"If you are referring to Christchurch Park, I was decidedly against the purchase, and was partly instrumental in getting up the monster meeting and monster petition against buying the Park. The Park is a very charming place, and I am strongly of opinion that it is very desirable for the town to have it. But the town cannot afford to purchase it. Shrubland Hall is a very charming place. I should like it very much myself, and would take it if possible, but I cannot afford it. There many things wanted in Ipswich more than the Park. At the same time I think that the proffered gift by Mr. Felix Cobbold puts the matter in a rather more favourable light."

ST. MARGARET'S.

Partner in a leading iron foundry in Ipswich, employing many hands and treating them both in busy and slack times exceedingly well, an ex-Mayor of the Borough, and churchwarden for a number of years of the parish of St. Margaret, Mr. Fred. Turner has not in the past had any difficulty in obtaining the confidence of the electors. In a large variety of matters he has shown a deep interest in the people, notably, for instance, in the way in which he assisted in organising the local Volunteer movement and obtained distinction therein. He entered the ranks of the 1st Suffolk Rifle Corps in 1859, was gazetted an ensign in 1860, lieutenant in 1861, captain in 1875, major in 1884, and in 1890 he retired with the rank of lieut.-colonel.

"How long is it since you first sat on the Town Council?" was the opening question.

"Since 1876," was the prompt reply, and "that I think is a fairly good record."

"And you have represented the Ward from that time?"

"Yes. Moreover, I have not often had to stand a contested election."

"What is the subject in which you take the most interest?"

"Well, that is rather a sweeping question, but I should say off-hand public improvements, more especially of streets."

"Very recently you showed your public spirit in the matter of the widening of Bolton Lane."

"It seem that but for me that very desirable improvement would not have been carried out. The town authorities offered £100, and the syndicate were declining to sell the land required for less than £200. I induced them to come down to £150, and in my private capacity guaranteeing the difference of £50 between those terms and the terms of the Corporation, and saw that the negociations were carried through. As a matter of fact, of the £50 I guaranteed I had to pay only £10, because other residents aided in the matter; but anyway, I should not have regretted that I stepped into the gap."

"You have been in favour of the purchase of Christchurch Park?"

"Yes, I believe it will be of advantage to the town."

"You have been a pretty frequent attendant at the meetings of the Paving and Lighting Committee?"

"I have been glad to render any service I could there, for I have a strong opinion that a forward policy in the matter of street widening and lighting is desirable."

"Last, but not least, you have, I think, undertaken the chairmanship of that most important body, the Public Health Committee?"

"For the last six months I have been chairman. For many years I was vice-chairman."

THE ASPECT CHANGED AT EYE.

Since our last issue in which it was stated that in all probability the four retiring members of the Town Council, Messrs. Cullum, Page, J. Rampling, and T. H. Tacon, who had intimated their intention of seeking re-election, would be returned unopposed, the whole aspect of the contest has changed. This, however, was so unexpected that on Saturday a special meeting of the Town Council was held for the purpose of choosing an Alderman to act as returning officer, as the mayor (Mr. T. H. Tacon) being a candidate, could not act in that capacity, and the choice then fell upon Alderman Gedny. Early in the week the four gentlemen named issued a joint address soliciting a renewal of the confidence of the electors, and pointing to their past services as a guarantee that they would, if elected, continue to support every measure for the improvement and prosperity of the borough, not forgetting the importance of keeping the rates as low as possible. Since then two other candidates have been sprung upon the constituency in the persons of Mr. Amos Havers, an agricultural labourer, and Mr. W. Roper, printer, of Church Street, who has already served upon the Town Council, but was defeated when he sought re-election last November. On Wednesday, the last day for receiving nominations, only five persons were nominated, and the Mayor, who is a county Magistrate, and an alderman of the E.S.C.C., considering it would be *infra dig.* on his part to enter upon the contest, declined to deliver his nomination paper although it had been duly filled up. Therefore the candidates now are Messrs. H. W. Cullum, C. C., merchant; A. Havers, labourer; J. F. Page, leather cutter; J. Rampling, builder, and Mr. Roper, printer and stationer. The contest is ikely to be a stiff one, especially between Mr. Havers and Mr. Roper, who are both leading members of the Eye Baptist Chapel. It should, however, be explained that it was not until after the Mayor's sudden change of front, which made it possible for Mr. Havers to have a walk over, that Mr. Roper decided to stand. Alderman Gedny sat at the Town Hall, on Thursday, from two to four o'clock for the purpose of hearing objections, but no incident arose to affect the position of affairs, and the five candidates named will go to the poll. We may mention that some indignation is felt, not only by the three retiring councillors, but also by many of the electors, at the Mayor's action in the matter, which must inevitably let in one, and perhaps two political Dissenters to the deliberations of the Town Council. It is stated that had not Mr. W. Short brought out Mr. Amos Havers, the town would upon this occasion have been spared the turmoil and expense of a contested election.

ALDEBURGH.

Seven burgesses were nominated to fill the four vacancies on the Council. The four out-going Councillors are Mr. S. W. Smyth (the Deputy-Mayor), Mr. James Cable (coxswain of the lifeboat). Mr. Henry J. Stannard (innkeeper), and Mr. John I. Williams, contractor (ex-Mayor). The latter does not seek re-election. The nominations were:—Samuel Wightman Smyth (Deputy-Mayor), proposed by Henry Starling; also by George Ransome Block, S. M. Samuel Turner, Alderman W. H. Hall, and W. H. Chatten. James Cable, proposed by Samuel Wightman Smyth. Harry Haken, proposed by James Cable; also by Samuel Pallant, Edward Ward, and James Wallis Bell. Robert George Parker, proposed by Francis Cooper and Alderman John Stannard. James Fisher, proposed by Wm. Henry Hall. Henry J. Stannard, proposed by J. Norris. William Scarlett, proposed by George Collis.

BECCLES: NO CONTEST.

Here there will be no contest on the 1st of November, the retiring members only having been nominated, namely, Mr. N. W. Pells, miller; Mr. C. P. Poll, butcher; Mr. T. A. Woodroffe, builder; and Mr. H. Woolner, printer.

HARWICH.

The following persons have been nominated as candidates for the four vacancies on the Harwich Town Council, viz.:—R. J. Thackeray, farmer, of Dovercourt; Alfred Wells Dunningham, timber merchant, of Dovercourt; William Went, bootmaker, of Harwich; Thomas Wrigley, yeast merchant, of Dovercourt; Robert Hill, coal merchant, of Harwich; and Thomas Sutcliffe, yeast merchant, of Dovercourt. The Mayor sat at the Guildhall on Thursday afternoon, to hear objections against the six candidates who were nominated on Wednesday evening. Mr. Rose made objection to Thomas Wrigley, of Dovercourt, on the ground that the candidate's papers had not been handed in at the Town Clerk's office by himself or his agent, but by his son. The Mayor considered the ground of objection fatal.

LOWESTOFT.

There will be two out of the four Wards contested, viz., in the East and West. In the former, the two retiring members, Messrs. R. B. and A. B. Capps (L) are opposed by Mr. Frank Stebbings (C). In the West, Messrs. T. Smith and J. Maconochie (L) have an opponent in Mr. S. White, smackowner. In the North Ward the retiring members, Messrs. T. E. Thirtle (C) and C. H. Jacobs (L), are returned unopposed; and the same is the case in the South, the retiring members, Mr. A. G. Notley (Mayor) and Mr. W. J. Wilton, both Conservatives, being re-elected.

SOUTHWOLD.

Five names were proposed for the vacant seats, viz.:—H. W. Molyneux, gentleman; W. Crimmen, gentleman; S. W. Reynolds, grocer and draper; J. Clark, gentleman; and J. Marshall, licensed victualler. The three first have contested elections in former years.

THETFORD.

For the municipal election the Conservatives have nominated Messrs. Walter C. Fison, merchant; Robt. G. Burrell, engineer; Edward Harris, retired drill instructor; Geo. E. Bond, gunsmith; and the Liberals have nominated Messrs. S. Oldman, sen., auctioneer; Owen A. Catchpole, watchmaker; Robt Shaw, florist.

A STOWMARKET TRADESMAN FINED

FOR ASSAULTING AN ERRAND BOY.

Mr. Tom Robinson, clothier, &c., of Stowmarket, on Monday appeared before the local Bench in answer to a summons charging him with assaulting his errand boy, Wm. George Hearn. The father of the boy prosecuted, and from the evidence of the youth it transpired that on October 18th he was told to sort some tickets, but forgot to do it, and went on dusting some shoes. When going out of the shop door to hang some boots out, Mr. Robinson kicked the boy, and slapped his face three or four times.—Harry Southgate, a lad who was looking in the window, saw Mr. Robinson kick Hearn, who came out crying.—In defence, Mr. Robinson said he had asked the boy to sort some tickets, and, when he complained of this not being done, the boy said, "Sort them yourself; I am not going to stop here long." He admitted that he slapped the boy's face, but he did not kick him. He called his assistant, Frank Bullard, to corroborate this view.—The Chairman said Mr. Robinson was not justified in striking the boy, and he would be fined 2s. 6d. and 10s. 6d. costs.

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THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

PROSECUTIONS NEAR EYE.

John Gardener, innkeeper, Redgrave, was charged on Monday, at Hartismere Sessions, with having three earthen mugs in his possession not stamped with the stamp of verification as required by the Weights and Measures Act, 1889. The defendant was further charged with having in his possession six earthen mugs which were false and unjust.—Another case of a similar character was preferred against Henry Elsey, innkeeper, Wortham, who was charged with having 23 mugs in his possession not stamped as required by the Act; also with having three earthen mugs which were false and unjust. Mr. Josiah Birkett, inspector of weights and measures to the East Suffolk County Council, prosecuted. The defendant Gardener pleaded not guilty to both charges. The defendant Elsey pleaded guilty to having the 23 unstamped mugs only. Mr. Birkett, who had repeatedly cautioned each of the defendants both by notices and personally, proved the offences, and in Gardener's case, one of the mugs was three ounces short of its proper size, and the others were more or less so down to half an ounce. One of Elsey's mugs was two ounces short. At the request of the Chairman the two quart mugs were tested by Mr. Birkett in Court. The one belonging to Gardener which Mr. Birkett had stated was three ounces short proved to be nearly four ounces short, and the one belonging to Elsey, which he (Mr. Birkett) had stated to be two ounces short, proved to be nearly three ounces short.—The cases were watched with great interest by a crowded Court, and at the conclusion of the evidence, the Chairman said Mr. Birkett had not over stated his cases, but as these were the first cases of the kind that had come before that Bench, the defendants would only be fined 15s. in each case, including costs.

WOMAN'S WAYS AND WORK.

O woman! lovely woman! nature made thee
To temper man; we had been brutes without you.
Thomas Otway.

Troubles seem to be falling thick and fast upon the Russian Royal Family. The reports early in the week as to the Grand Duke George were most disquieting, some papers even asserting that he, too, was dying. The lately married daughter of the Czar, the Grand Duchess Xenia, is also far from well, and lastly the poor Czarina, overcome with grief and anxiety, has become terribly exhausted and a prey to the severe neuralgic pains from which she has suffered, at times, for years. The sufferings of the Czar are very great and most trying to witness, especially by a wife, yet he is nervous and unquiet when the Czarina is not with him; so the strain upon her must be intense, and it is no wonder that she is obliged to undergo energetic medical treatment.

On Saturday last the Lord Chancellor opened the new buildings that have been lately added to the Ladies' College at Oxford, Somerville Hall, which henceforth is to be called Somerville College. The chair at the meeting held in connection with the opening ceremony was taken by Professor Pelham, son of the late Bishop of Norwich, who said, in the course of his speech, that since the opening of the doors of Somerville and Lady Margaret Halls to women fifteen years ago, the number of students had increased from about 25 to about 150. The Lord Chancellor, in his address, vindicated ladies' colleges from the charge made against them by some people, that they are partly responsible for the production of "the new woman." He said "he did not believe that the ladies' colleges had anything to do with the introduction of the new element. He thought she had been more the creature of newspaper articles and magazine writings."

The saying of the Wise King that "there is nothing new under the sun," is we think not even contradicted by the "new woman." This latter-day creation, who is really, more than anything else, a literary Aunt Sally set up for those to aim at who want to shy verbal stones, has had her prototypes in the ages long ago.

Omphale donning the lion's robe whilst the obedient Hercules, dressed in her cast-off garments, meekly sits down to spin, is but a shadow of the new woman, who is supposed to expect her husband to attend to domestic duties while she goes forth to bank or office to earn the daily bread.

Boadicea was a lady who did more than join a volunteer corps. At Genoa are to be seen some light cuirasses made expressly for some Genoese ladies who were only deterred from joining the Crusades by the decree of Pope Boniface himself. Joan of Arc put on a full suit of armour, and sitting her horse like a man, led forth the French troops to victory.

In 1725 women rode at races as jockeys, the following paragraph being taken from a copy of an advertisement in the *Newcastle Courant*, of August 28th, 1725:—"On Tuesday, the 14th, the ladys' plate of fifteen pounds value, by any horse, &c.; women to be the riders; each to pay one guinea entrance, three heats, and twice round the common for a heat."

The new woman is depicted as eagerly anxious to be elected as guardian, vestry woman, district or parish councillor, &c. Amongst the Harleian manuscripts is to be found a note which tells us that Margaret Countess of Richmond, mother of Henry VII., was a Justice of Peace; also that Lady Bartlett was made a Justice of Peace in Gloucestershire, by Queen Mary; and that in Sussex, one Rouse, a woman, did usually sit upon the Bench of Assizes and Sessions among the other Justices *gladio-cincta*, girded with a sword. It is equally certain that Anne Countess of Pembroke exercised the office of Sheriff of Westmoreland, and at the Assizes of Appleby sat with the Judges on the Bench. Verily and indeed the so-called "new woman" is but a revised version after all.

The *Globe* quotes the following incident from the *Daily News*:—On the 17th inst., one of the twin daughters of a Congregational minister, while sitting at dinner, jumped up and said that a dog had bitten her. This was, of course, absurd, because there was no dog. But an hour later in the street her twin sister was really bitten, and since then both children have felt the pain." The *Globe* asks, "After this who would be an earthly twin?" "And has Sairey Gamp been engaged to nurse them?"

The *Lady* tells us that a diligent collector of matrimonial statistics has discovered that the number of fashionable marriages arranged to take place in London and the provinces between now and Christmas is unprecedented, the number being 186, over 100 of which will take place in the metropolis. The statistic hunter goes on to give a list of the number of bridegrooms representing the various professions. There are 45 military men, four naval men, 12 clergymen, three members of the medical profession, and two barristers-at-law; the rest are private persons. Towards these marriages Yorkshire, of the English counties, contributes most representatives in the number of ten, Norfolk contributes three, and Suffolk only two.

The directors of the Grafton Gallery have decided to keep their exhibition of "Fair Women" open, and have lately made some additions to it. The winter exhibition at the New Gallery is to be entirely devoted to the arts of Venice and the territories of the Republic, and will include, besides paintings and examples of drawing by the great Venetian masters, specimens of other Venetian arts and also of embroidery, lace, and articles of costume.

Miss Coulcher is to be congratulated upon the honour recently conferred upon her in being selected at a Chapter General of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, as an honorary associate of the Order. Her Majesty, as Sovereign Head and Patron of the Order, has given her sanction and approval to Miss Coulcher's enrolment. Miss Coulcher has done yeoman service in connection with the Ipswich centre of the St. John Ambulance Association, and has also published an interesting little book giving an account of the origin of the Association. The Order of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem is one of the oldest Orders still existing, having been founded in the 11th century.

In our daily contemporary, Mr. Andrews in a long letter strongly advocates the election of women upon the Board of Guardians for Ipswich. In corroboration of his own views he mentions six reasons given by a London clergyman, who is much connected with various boards and public bodies, why women on Boards of Guardians are invaluable. These reasons are all good, and deal chiefly with the superior qualifications women have for dealing with matters relating to cleanliness, food, clothing or the care of children, &c. The second reason, however, is somewhat different, and especially put forward by a man, is amusing; it is "that they (women) can deal satisfactorily with good looking young women (men never can)."

Crimson or blue Witney cloth is made up into coats for children, trimmed with braid passementerie and narrow fur. The Directoire shape is a becoming one. This coat has a seam at the waist, as in a Newmarket coat, and the skirt is full behind. The coat opens slightly at the neck and turns back with pointed revers; it is fastened as far as the waist by large horn buttons.

Blue serge either for children or grown-ups is greatly smartened by having facings of scarlet cloth, braided with narrow gold and black braid. Red as usual in winter time is a colour much to the fore. The darker shades of rose are also popular, and Royal blue in velvet is used for millinery. The trimmings on both bonnets, toques, and hats are arranged so as to give the effect of great width in front. A rather small-shaped black velvet or felt hat will have the brim turned up directly in front and slightly upon each side. Behind the front point will appear stretching widely across on either side, a bow of bright coloured velvet or ribbon, with two tall ostrich tips springing from the centre.

Ribbon ruffles are much worn round the neck. They are about 3½ to 4 inches deep, and are made of black or coloured satin ribbon, and fasten either with a bow at the back or tie with narrow strings in front.

A smart and novel overcoat for little boys is made in rough scarlet cloth with very full pleated skirts at the back. Black velvet is used for the roll col'ar, pockets and cuffs and the buttons. With these coats should be worn jockey caps and neat gaiters.

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MURDER ON A HONEYMOON.

A shocking murder was committed at Lindau (Bavaria) on Sunday. A German merchant of Triebelwitz, Silesia, who lately arrived here on his wedding trip, was out walking with his wife on the shore of Lake Constance when he suddenly seized her and pushed her into the water. The unfortunate lady, who is stated to have been 56 years of age, was drowned. The murderer has been arrested, and has made a confession, in which he declares that his object in committing the crime was to obtain possession of his wife's private fortune, and of the amount for which her life was insured.

NOTES ON POLITICS.

FIRST FRUITS OF THE GREAT BUDGET.

The *Westminster Gazette* (Radical), October 9th, has the following paragraph:—Mrs. Lyne Stephens' bequest of her collection of pictures in England and France, her ornamental china and objects of art to the trustees and directors of the National Gallery, now turns out to have been revoked by a codicil made after the introduction of the Finance Bill, 1894, imposing a higher rate of death duties on large estates.—The *Morning* (Conservative), October 15th, publishes the following:—Mr. C. Smyth, J.P., of Little Houghton, Northamptonshire, writing at the request of his father, the Rev. C. Smyth, has informed the Northamptonshire Agricultural Society that in consequence of the new death duties he will be unable to continue his subscriptions to the society. On the same grounds Mr. Smyth intimated that his father would have to withdraw his subscriptions to the Peterborough Diocesan Church Building Society. It had also been previously intimated that his subscription to the Northampton General Infirmary would be very materially reduced.

A growing sense of dissatisfaction is being expressed in the Radical clubs of London at the increasing autocracy of Dr. Spence Watson. We are told that the power which he wields in the Radical party is now greater than even the unfortunate Mr. Schnadhorst wielded in his most influential days. Commenting on the matter a London correspondent says:—The doctor is a man of resolution and ability, and in the society of the mediocrities by whom he is surrounded at the Gladstonian headquarters shines as a genius. Ministers do not now resolve on policies without consulting him, and not unseldom they make departures at his bidding. However, in the party itself, the doctor's growing autocracy is bitterly resented. Who in the world, they ask, was Dr. Spence Watson ere Mr. Morley happened to leap into political eminence? What in the world has he done except to preside at big demonstrations brought together at Federation meetings to register decisions which he had previously resolved upon? Meanwhile the doctor, who is well aware of the feeling he has excited, is gradually arrogating to himself more power and influence. He is not content with the knowledge that it is he who pulls the strings of the Gladstonian party.

So the Paris Funds are free at last. This is from the *Freeman's Journal*:—"The Paris Funds.—We are in a position to state that the Paris funds have been realised, and are now in the possession of Mr. Justin M'Carthy, chairman of the Irish party."

With such authorities as Mr. Justice Grantham added to the exposures that are constantly being made in these columns and by the adherents of order and justice as to the manner in which those dependent on agriculture are being led astray by Radical agitators and Radical members of Parliament, it is to be hoped that they will not allow themselves to be captured by vague promises of what will follow if the Radicals were returned. We have good reasons for believing that the agricultural labourer in East Anglia is realising the deceptions practised upon him. Mr. Justice Grantham, in addressing his workmen at the harvest home at his country seat in Sussex, said that "Lord Rosebery's Ministry owed their position to the vote of the agricultural labourer, and that ill-will between Hodge and his employer had been brought about by many supporters of the Government. The great mass of English members sitting in the House of Commons behind Ministers come from the counties, in fact Mr. Gladstone said he looked to the recently enfranchised labourers to give him his majority."

We had occasion last week to comment on the awkward position in which Lord Rosebery was likely to be placed by the importunes, or rather demands, of the various factions that go towards giving him his majority. Now we are told that another section, the temperance members, intend next session to put forward the demand that the Local Veto Bill should be read a second time before Easter. This is a modest requirement enough when it is remembered how frequently they have been disappointed, but will be quite enough to add a last straw to the burden which the Government have to bear. They have, first of all, to get the Welsh Disestablishment Bill read a second time—that is, if the Irishmen will agree to wait—and then will come the second reading of the Land Bill, which is as likely as not to occupy a fortnight of the time of the House. Parliament will have to be called together very early indeed if the Government have any idea of adding to these formidable tasks the prodigious job of getting the principle of the Local Veto Bill affirmed. Besides, if they interpose the Local Veto Bill at all the Welsh Radicals will have a very good case for complaining of the breach of faith, a complaint which they are never slow of making.

When they first agreed to let their Bill go over until next year they fully understood that it was to be not only the first but the sole business of the early part of the Session, and that it would be carried to a third reading before anything else was undertaken. Then came Lord Rosebery's hint about a "little Irish Bill" which it is now certain will be a very big Irish Bill indeed—quite enough to occupy a large part of the Session. If the second reading of the Welsh Bill is to be mixed up with two other second readings, including perhaps that of a Registration Bill, it will stand a very good chance of not getting a stage further. Altogether it looks exceedingly doubtful whether the Government will succeed in making any effective progress with the Newcastle programme at all next year, and whether they will not find it much the simplest way out of the difficulty to dissolve Parliament at Easter instead of waiting until confusion grows worse confounded.

MUSIC AND DRAMA IN SUFFOLK.

Many Ipswich players will be grieved to hear of the death of Mr. Richard Edgar, who with his company has twice appeared at the Lyceum, the last time in March of this year, when the Company played the farcical comedies "Aunt Jack," and "The Other Fellow." Some years ago, when Mr. Edgar first went into management, he took the old theatre, and there lost all his money. Mr. Edgar was 46 years of age; he died from the effects of a cold in the first instance. Mrs. Edgar, an excellent woman and actress, has decided to continue the company under the title of "The Richard Edgar Comedy Company."

The Lyceum Management had a fortunate stroke of luck with "The Lights of Home" Company. The Company was booked for the week beginning October 8th; for the following week the Lyceum was to be closed, but it happened the Company had not that date filled in, and is consequence of the success attending the week's business, arrangements were made that the piece should be repeated for six nights more, with the gratifying result that the second week's takings were only £16 less than the first, and a record was established of one play running for 12 consecutive nights in the town.

A new weekly publication, edited by Mr. Percy Notcutt, and published by Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, and Co., 317, Strand, London, has just made its appearance in the interests of the Musical Exchange. The new-comer does not pose as a rival to existing journals, but as a newspaper devoted to professional musical artists, dealing with the movements of musicians—vocal and instrumental—and incidentally with those of the sister profession, the drama. The first number certainly achieves that object, possessing as it does all the features requisite to a good class journal. Portraits and biographical sketches of Madame Antoinette Sterling and Mr. Alexander Tucker will be read with interest, as will also the article on musical copyright, and the first instalment of a musical history. The *Musical Exchange Journal* will, we believe, in every sense meet the requirements of the profession for which it caters.

The grand concert announced by Mr. F. Pawsey to take place at the Ipswich Public Hall on Tuesday, November 6th, promises to be a brilliant success. Miss Mabel Berrey, a young soprano, with a voice of exceptional quality; Madame Alice Gomez, who has won for herself the title of the "Star of India," and Mr. Leo Stern, the well-known cellist, who has performed no less than eight times before the Queen and Royal Family by special command, are among the artistes who will support the far-famed Meister Glee Singers in producing a programme of high-class music of peculiar attraction. The Great Eastern Railway Company as usual will issue return tickets at single fares from Stowmarket and Woodbridge and intermediate stations, and run special trains back at 11.15 p.m.

Mr. Jas. Stillwell, of London, gave the second of his two Shakespearean recitals at the Ipswich Fine Art Club on Wednesday evening, when he presented no fewer than ten scenes from Hamlet. He again showed dramatic power.

During the week from eight o'clock until eleven the walls of the Lyceum Theatre, Ipswich, have rung with the laughter, sometimes most immoderate, of the large audiences assembled to witness "Niobe." The play is extremely amusing and well worthy of a visit. To-night (Saturday) is the last night.

The production next week at Ipswich Lyceum of the musical comedy "In Town," which has had a long and very successful run at the Gaiety Theatre in London, is looked forward to with considerable interest. The characters are types of the day, and the piece is a smart one with plenty of "go." His Grace the Duke of Duffshire might have dropped from a painting by Frank Holl, the Duchess resembles one of the figures of Du Maurier, while Capt. Coddington stands out as the witty, versatile, fashionable man of the period, enjoying life, but rather short of cash. The minor figures are also very entertaining. Auguste Van Biene's company is understood to be a powerful one, and there will be a full chorus and augmented orchestra.

Teach children to be careful of their teeth and to prevent decay, with its consequent trouble and expense, by using Calvert's Carbolic Tooth Powder, the best preservative. Largest sale of any dentifrice.—In 6d., 1s., 1s. 6d., and 1lb. 5s. tins by Chemists, &c., or 1s. tin, post free for value, F. C. CALVERT and Co., Manchester.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT. DIVIDEND.

On Saturday Mr. Commissioner Kerr had before him one of those cases which are continually cropping up, and go to prove the truth of the saying that a fool and his money are soon parted. The affair in question was an action brought by a Sheffield gentleman to recover from a certain J. C. Scott, who describes himself as a stockbroker, of 4, Copthall Chambers, E.C., the sum of £7 10s., being dividends on the shares in the "Edith" and "Stanley Syndicates," carried on by the latter. The Sheffield gentleman took shares in those syndicates on the strength of a circular guaranteeing dividends of 100 per cent. Mr. Commissioner Kerr said the affair was a gamble on the face of it, but as Scott did not defend the action judgment was for the plaintiff. Now, these "Stanley" and "Edith Syndicates" have been

FORCED ON THE NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC.

for a good many years past and no doubt will be so for a good many more years, and it is just as well that this latest phase of the business should be as widely known as possible, says the *Morning*. We could give a long list of the touting letters and circulars sent out during the last few years to induce silly people to hand over their money to J. C. Scott to gamble with, but will only refer to one of December 12th last, in which he said he had just started the "Rortland Syndicate" with a capital of £100,000 in £1 shares, and telling the people to whom he sent these circulars to "lose no time about it as the price will rise rapidly." The thing is so preposterous that it is little short of amazing how anybody in his senses can listen to proposals of the kind. No doubt when Scott makes profits on his gambling transactions he shares them with his clients, but how often does this happen?

PRIESTS IN THE JAPANESE ARMY.

Referring to the preparations for war which are now complete, military bands and coolies required in the camps having been already despatched, the Japan *Weekly Mail* says that one thing, however, remains which, though not necessary for the conduct of the campaign, is supposed to be indispensable when an engagement takes place. This is the services of the priests when the remains of the soldiers who have fallen on the field of battle are to be interred. Already Mr. Maruyama Sakura, an official of the Imperial Household, and a renowned Shinto priest, has gone over to Corea in his individual capacity, to be allowed to conduct the funerals of dead soldiers. Japanese young men not being considered particular about the service to be read at their funeral ceremony, one might suppose that either Shinto or Buddhist priests would serve the purpose so long as there are enough of them to fulfil the requirements. But this does not appear to be the case, according to the "Asahi," especially with the troops dispatched from Hiroshima, and they constitute the ninth part of the Japanese Army now in Corea. Our Tokio contemporary says that the

SHINSHU SECT OF BUDDHISM

is predominant in the district surrounding Aki, and that the soldiers who are sent from this region to the Hiroshima Barracks are strongly impressed with the doctrines of Buddha. The "Asahi" therefore regards the presence of Buddhist priests in the camps as highly useful. During the civil war prior to the Restoration, and during the Satsuma rebellion, the aid of either Shinto or Buddhist priests was easily procurable when the remains of the soldiers killed in battle were to be buried. This, however, is impossible in Corea, and the priests of both creeds are urged by the Tokio paper to apply to the authorities for permission to attach themselves to the army. In passing, we may give this statement from the "Shin Choya," in connection with the above. It must be remembered that in Japan even

PRIESTS ARE NOT EXEMPTED FROM MILITARY SERVICE,

and so there are quite a number of soldiers who before they were enrolled wore the clerical robe, and also a still larger number of priests who served in the army. Thus the "Choya" says that there are in the Theological Institution at Denzuin, Koishikawa, out of 250 priests, no less than 180 whose names are recorded in the list of retired soldiers. This must surely be an exaggeration; still there are doubtless among the 250 priests a certain number of ex-soldiers. Now we are told by this sensational paper that these warrior priests are so much imbued with the military spirit that they are impatient for the summons from the respective barracks under control of which they are placed, and that they are eager to emulate the military fame of such warriors as Benkei, Ichirai, and numerous other priests who in days gone by became soldiers.

WEDDING AT IPSWICH.

MR. PERCY TURNER AND MISS MAY SUTTON.

A large congregation of personal friends of the contracting parties assembled in Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, on Saturday afternoon, to witness the marriage of Mr. Percy Turner, sixth son of the late Mr. William Turner, with Miss Mary Isabel (May) Sutton, youngest daughter of the late Mr. C. W. Sutton. The sacred building was chastely decorated for the occasion. The bride, who entered the church leaning on the arm of her elder brother (Mr. C. W. Sutton), wore a dress of white silk ondine, trimmed with guipure lace, and, instead of the customary veil, a white chip hat, trimmed with white tips and velvet. The bridesmaids—Miss Constance Turner (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Savory—were attired in white Surah silk, trimmed with chiffon, and had on black velvet picture hats. Each wore a diamond pin, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. Mr. Stanley Turner was "best man." The hymn "Fight the good fight" was sung at the commencement of the service. The vicar (the Rev. Ythil A. Barrington) was the officiating clergyman, and he supplemented the usual offices with an appropriate address. As Mr. and Mrs. Percy Turner left the church, the organist (Mr. E. W. Goldsmith) played *Mendelssohn's* "Wedding March." About eighty guests were invited to the reception at Mr. C. W. Sutton's residence on the Henley Road. The bride's travelling dress was of electric blue covert coating, tailor-made, and velvet toque, trimmed with sable. The honeymoon will be spent in South Devon. The elegant and costly presents included the following:—Bridegroom to Bride, dressing-bag. Bride to Bridegroom, diamond pin. Mrs. Turner, two dozen silver forks and house linen. Mr. R. and the two Misses Sutton, dinner service and house linen. Mr. R. Sutton, silver tea-kettle. Miss Sutton, present. Miss Jessie Sutton, Irish terrier. Mr. Alan Turner, silver waiter and ladles. Mr. Stanley Turner, dining-room bracket clock. Mr. W. Turner, skin rug. Miss Turner, bird cage and set of trays. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sutton, entrée dishes and Tantalus. Mr. C. W. Sutton, cheque. Mr. Horace Turner, silver salver. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Turner, six afternoon teaspoons. Mrs. Leonard Turner, picture. Mr. H. W. Kersey, picture. Mr. W. Christopherson, silver pepper pot. Mr. Edgar Turner, silver sugar basin and cream jug. Mrs. Trepleolun, present. Miss T. Thorney, afternoon tea service. Miss Lanfran, afternoon tea service. Mrs. W. Chapman, two cheese mats. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bruff, silver pepperettes. Mr. G. C. Mason, silver cake basket. Misses Marion and Bessie Turner, carved table. Colonel Ranshaw, sugar basin and tongs. The Misses M. and M. E. Southb, four Doulton fern pots. Miss Wrinch, bread fork. Mr. and Mrs. Hewetson, fern pot and stand. Mrs. Nicolson, silver saltcellars. Mrs. Jack Wrinch, pokerwork tray. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Turner, case fishеaters. Mr. and Mrs. H. Wrinch, silver paper knife. The Misses A. and E. Turner, silver butter dish. Mr. and Mrs. Walton Bradbury, silver sugar sifter. Mr. F. W. Turner, lamp. Mr. A. P. Ridley, tripod dish. Mr. and Mrs. Wrangham, four saltcellars. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner, lamp. Mr. Walter Staddon, carved oak stand. Mr. P. South, silver-mounted Doulton jug. Mr. Fred. Turner, cheque. Mrs. Cranfield, silver toast rack. Mrs. E. Cubitt, photo album. Mrs. Ransome, silver hot-water jug. Mrs. A. Turner, silver teaspoons. Miss Page, four china sweet dishes. Mr. and Mrs. W. Turner, bamboo cabinet. Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith, silver bread trencher and knife. Mr. G. Bantoft, pepper mill. Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller, silver sugar sifter. Miss A. Bradbury, picture. Miss Harris, china figures and vases. Mrs. and Miss M. Savory, claret jug. Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Sutton, electro tea and coffee service. Mr. Owen Turner, punch ladle. Mr. H. T. Horner, silver butter dish. Mr. T. F. Haigh, toast rack. Mr. Farrer Ranson, brass inkstand. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, silver salver. Mr. and Mrs. Mays Smith, fruit dish. Mr. Morgan Geard, brass kettle. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Turner, case of cutlery. Mr. and Mrs. Hempson, set of Dickens' works. Mrs. Bennett, table spoons. Mr. and Mrs. F. Turner, silver dish covers. Mr. B. T. Wrinch, letter rack. Mr. and Mrs. Brogden, silver egg stand. Dr. and Mrs. Fraser, pair vases. Bertie and Marjorie Turner, photo in frame. Mr. L. E. Pretty, crumb scoop. Mrs. Brooksbank, pair electro candlesticks. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Haward, silver cruets. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Turner, bread trencher and knife. Mr. and Mrs. Bond, silver fern pots. Mr. and Mrs. Bantoft, claret jug, glasses, and decanter. Miss Thorney, vases. Miss Nora Geard, afternoon table cloth. Miss Vivian Sutton, fancy hat pins. Mr. and Mrs. Wrinch, gong. Messrs. L. and J. Thorney, afternoon tea cloth and serviettes. Miss F. Kersey, work-bag. Miss M. Faed, thistle cruet stand. Mr. Wollaston, hanging lamp. Mr. L. Turner, card table. Mr. Walton Turner, one dozen dessert spoons. Miss Sutton, tea caddy. Mr. F. Bradbury, cruets. Mr. Tom Miller, silver candlesticks. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason, china dish. Mr. S. A. Notcutt, electro egg boiler. Miss Anna Turner, present. Miss Jeannie Turner, present. Mrs. George Hempson, present. Rev. Ythil A. Barrington, book of poems. Miss Boldero, trays. Miss Parker, tea cosy. Messrs. W. G. and G. S. Sherrington, champagne jug and glasses. Mr. H. A. Wright, picture. Mr. W. Sexton, cheese scoop. Mr. E. O. Hines, smoking cabinet. Miss Garrod, saltcellars. Mr. G. J. Barnes, Dickens' works. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hempson, present. Mr. Haskell, cake knife. Bantoft and Sons, overcoat. Mr. and Mrs. R. Geard, set of Shakespeare. Mrs. and Miss Ridley, present. Fanny Norman, silver sugar tongs and butter knife. Beatrice, epergne. Deborah, wicker paper-rack. Mrs. W. Chapman, duchesse cover. Robert Catchpole, china cup and ash tray. Harriatt and John, sardine spoon. Barnard, sardine dish. Race, pair of Minorca fowls. Mrs. Race, present. Isaac and Mrs. Fletcher, silver saltcellars. Mrs. Fletcher, silver mustard pot. Mrs. Hayward, set of d'oyleys. C. Day, photo frame. Cook, Nurse, and Alice, preserve dish. Albert Nunn (groom), book. The carpetting and other arrangements at the church were made by Messrs. Harrison and Son, of the Arcade; and the carriages were supplied by Mr. F. W. Canham, of Roslyn stables.

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TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES IN A SEWER.

A DESPERATE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

An inquest was held on Monday at Torquay as to the death of the workman Callecott, drowned in the town sewer on Saturday by the sudden filling of the drain. William Mugford, the foreman, said they received the signal about three o'clock in the morning that the water was rising, and he told the men to make for the opening, five hundred yards distant. Callecott and Beasley ran on with candles, Potter following with a wheelbarrow. Witness secured the staging, and then started off with a man named Milton. About 350 yards from the opening, they met the rushing water, against which they struggled for some distance, and then Milton said he could not get along, and asked witness to leave him. Several times they were

NEARLY WASHED OFF THEIR FEET.

but witness stuck to his companion, and presently they met Potter coming back, forced along by the water, and nearly unconscious. Both men clung to witness for support, the water being up to their waists. Finding he could not get along against the water, he turned to take the men into a refuge provided in a ventilating shaft. He had a small piece of candle, and that aided them to climb back over the staging on which they had been working. As they approached the ventilating shaft, witness warned the others to make sure of the life chains. Milton missed the first, but caught the second. As they were being carried past, witness got both men up on a landing, and there they remained in their dripping clothes, with water running down the shaft upon them for six or seven hours, in total darkness. Callecott was overpowered by the water before reaching the man-hole, and was drowned. The Jury, after commending Mugford for his gallantry, returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned."

VOLUNTEER PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT IPSWICH.

AN ILLUMINATED "TATTOO."

The Ipswich Drill Hall, the scene of many exercises, was on Wednesday evening the place of reward for the men of the local Volunteer Detachment. The prize distribution has usually been held in the Town Hall, but this year a change was made in order that the men might be able quickly to reach the cricket field, where an illuminated military "tattoo" closed the proceedings. The Drill Hall had been made as smart as circumstances would permit. During the year, thanks to the influence of Miss Patteson among the ladies of Ipswich, a handsome shield to be shot for by Companies had been obtained, and in recognition of her championship of their cause in this matter, the Volunteers asked Miss Patteson to distribute the prizes on this occasion. She was supported by Col. J. H. Josselyn (who is in command of the Detachment), Col. H. W. Packard, Brigade Major Lieut.-Col. G. S. Elliston, and Major and Adjutant Mackenzie.—Col. Packard, in a brief introduction, gave undeniable evidence of the progress made by the men in shooting. This year's scores showed an improvement on last, although it was well known that the shooting last year was exceptionally good all over England on account of the very fine weather. The weather during the past summer had not been favourable, and yet the men had improved their position. In view of the coming regulation for shooting kneeling at 500 yards, seven shots at this distance and in this attitude had been made the conditions in the competition for the Challenge Shield. Allowing for the novelty of the conditions the men did remarkably well.—Miss Patteson said she considered that a very great compliment had been paid her in the request that she should present the prizes to a detachment of which Ipswich was proud. Some time ago a non-commissioned officer remarked to her that the Ipswich people would be ready enough to afford them the help they wanted if someone would start them. She had the good fortune to give them the start. She had a most ready response to her proposal for obtaining a challenge shield, and in the name of the 98 subscribers she varied what had just been played by the band, saying, "God bless you, Ipswich Volunteers, the ladies' love to you." (Loud cheers.)—Capt. F. G. Bond, on behalf of the A Company, the first winners, then received amid renewed applause the handsome insignia and £6 for division.—The other honours having been distributed, Col. Josselyn moved a vote of thanks to Miss Patteson, observing that whatever that lady undertook she regarded as a duty, and did thoroughly and well.—Miss Patteson, in a witty reply, disclaimed any special credit. When it was said, "England expects every man to do his duty," it was, she presumed, understood that every woman would do hers also. (Loud laughter.) At the instance of Col. Packard, thanks were tendered to Lord de Saumarez for the use of the excellent range, to Mr. Hart and Mr. Grimwood, his tenants, for their consideration, to the Shooting Committee, to Sergt. Watson, the hon. treasurer, and Corpl. Gray, the hon. secretary, to Sergt. Sharman for various little calls he made (laughter), and to the donors of prizes, who, indeed, were placed foremost in the list of helpers.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

were:—Prvt. T. Plowman (detachment cup and £4 4s., given by Licensed Victuallers), Sergt. Tye, Sergt. Watson, Sergt. Fenner, Colr.-Sergt. Sparks, Prvt. S. Aldous, Prvt. Mawson, Prvt. Rodwell, Sergt. Burrows, Sergt. A. Mills, Corpt. Turner, Sergt. F. Card, Prvt. W. Robinson, Sergt. Clements, Colr.-Sergt. Counter, Prvt. G. H. Bird, Prvt. G. Fenn, Prvt. Seager, Bugler Dickenson, Prvt. Hudson, Corpl. J. Gray, Corpl. Dawdry, Prvt. S. Crawford, Lance-Corpl. Prentice, Prvt. Wolbey, Sergt. Green, Prvt. Carey, Sergt. Gaymer, Prvt. J. Benns, Lance-Corpl. Cammell, Prvt. Curtis, Corpl. H. Gray, Bandsman Fenner, Sergt. A. H. Rivron, Prvt. Hinnels, Prvt. Mallett, Prvt. Brame, Lnce-Corpl. Payne, Sergt. Sharman, Prvt. R. Thompson, Bandsman Tricker, Sergt.-Major Sparkes, Prvt. J. Brown, Prvt. G. Brown, Lance-Sergt. Burton, Prvt. W. Bird, Prvt. W. Brame, Prvt. Clemance, Prvt. Rogers, Sergt. Stannard, Bandsman Shingler, Prvt. Norfolk, Bandsman C. Butcher, Prvt. E. H. Southgate, Prvt. Stannard, Prvt. Palmer, Prvt. Parsons, Prvt. Alderton, Bandsman W. Butcher, Colour-Sergt. Dale, Prvt. H. T. Drake, Prvt. A. E. Johnson, Prvt. Semmens, Bandsman Talman, Sergt. Rivron, Lance-Sergt. Gunn, Lieut. Packard, Prvt. Skeet, Prvt. S. Plowman, Prvt. Wright, Prvt. Boreham, Prvt. Ulph, Lance-Corpl. Kennell, Prvt. J. Ellis, Bandsman Cutler, Prvt. F. Gooderham, Prvt. H. Page, Prvt. Bullard, Sergt. Aldridge, Prvt. E. Benns, Sergt. Willoughby, Prvt. W. A. Moore, Prvt. H. Robinson, Prvt. Marriott, Prvt. Pallant, Lance-Corpl. Underwood, Prvt. W. Peck, Prvt. Garrard, Prvt. W. Scott, Prvt. B. W. Bird, Bandsman F. Ellis, Prvt. J. Bines, Prvt. Scarlett, Lieut.-Col. Packard, Colour-Sergeant Abbott, Prvt. Miles, Prvt. De Beer, Prvt. J. Southgate, Capt. F. G Bond, Lance-Corpl. Pepper, Prvt. Allanton, Prvt. Faiers, Sergt. Barns, Bugler Leask, Prvt. W. Aldous, Prvt. J. E. Jennings, Prvt. W. Cook, Prvt. Kemp, Prvt. Eaton, Lance.-Sergt. Mills, Prvt. Fozzard, Prvt. W. Fenter, Corpl. Kavanagh, and Prvt. G. Todd. Recruits.—Recruit Chaplin, Recruit Gillingham, Bandsman Steed, Recruit Hayward, Recruit Brewster, Recruit Podd, Recruit H. S. Brown, Recruit Norman, Recruit Marples, Recruit Calvesbert, Recruit Swann, Recruit E. A. Turner, Prvt. Barclay, Bugler Aldridge, Prvt. Peck, and Prvt. J. Brown. Ladies' Challenge Trophy.—To be held for 12 months by the Captain of the winning Company. 1st, trophy shield and £6, given by the ladies of Ipswich, instituted by Miss Patteson, A Company, Capt. F. G. Bond; 2nd, £2, C Company. Best aggregate.—Silver cup, presented by Capt. W. A. Churchman, as president of the Shooting Committee, for best monthly competition aggregate in Class A, won by Prvt. T. Plowman, with an average of 84·36 at 200, 500, and 600 yards, 11 highest scores in 13 competitions. Volunteer Rifle Club and Range Prizes.—Class B; Clock, presented by Shooting Committee, won by Prvt. J. Brown, for best aggregate in monthly competitions at 200 and 500 yards, and 500 and 600 yards, alternate competitions, 562 points, average 51·09. Class C.—For best aggregate at 500 yards, silver spoon, presented by Colr.-Sergt. Sparks, won by Prvt. W. Robinson. Five guineas, in two prizes, presented by the President of the Club, Lieut. C. T. Packard, for five best aggregates. 1st, £3 3s., won by Prvt. T. Plowman; 2nd, £2 2s., Sergt. Watson. Individual range prizes at 200 yards, Corpl. J. Turner; at 500 yards, Prvt. T. Plowman. Rapid firing contest (7 rounds in 70 seconds).—£1 2s. 6d. Lance-Sergt Burton, 18s. 9d. Sergt. Clements, 18s. 9d. Prvt. T. Plowman, 16s. 3d. Prvt. Stannard, 16s. 3d. Prvt. S. Aldous, 14s. 3d. Lance-Corpl. Cammell, 14s. 3d. Prvt. W. Bird, 12s. 9d. Bandsman Fenner, 12s. 9d. Prvt. F. Gooderham, 12s. Sergt. Stannard, 10s. Sergt. Watson, 10s. Sergt. Gaymer, 10s. Colr.-Sergt. Counter, 8s. 6d. Prvt. J. Brown, 8s. 6d. Sergt. Sharman, 7s. 6d. Prvt. Boreham, 7s. 6d. Prvt. Peck, 7s. Prvt. W. Brame, 6s. Prvt. Palmer, 6s. Corpl. Turner, 4s. 6d. Sergt. Burrows, 4s. 6d. Colr.-Sergt. Sparks, 4s. 6d. Prvt. H. Drake, 4s. 6d. Prvt. J. Bines, 4s. Prvt. W. A. Moore, 3s. Prvt. Allanton, 3s. Sergt. Fenner, 2s. 6d. Corpl. J. Gray, 2s. 6d. Bandsman Steed, 2s. 6d. Prvt. Tuck, 2s. 6d. Prvt. Mallett, 2s. 6d. Prvt. Semmens, 2s. 6d. Prvt. Bullard. The

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THE ILLUMINATED "TATTOO"

was something fresh in Ipswich. A military tattoo in camp is, of course, the signal for the men to retire to rest. At Lowestoft Sergt.-Major Adams, of the Cambs Volunteers, hit on the idea of an illuminated display, the band being supported by a picked detachment of men, who, carrying out artistic evolutions with coloured lights, made a weird and fantastic display. This conception was developed on Wednesday by Sergt.-Major Sparkes, who deserves great praise for the smoothness with which the novel and imposing demonstration was carried out under his direction, assisted by Colr-Sergt. Sparks and Sergt. Watson. The party, exclusive of band and buglers, who were generally on the outside flank, numbered 56, and were divided into four sections carrying lanterns of red, white, blue, or green. The night was fortunately dark, and the men not being seen, the lights seemed to dance to the music by inspiration. Afterwards they countermarched, revolved, broke off into sections, and the green fading away, formed up in red, white and blue—the national colours. The music then stopped, a gun was fired, and buglers sounding "lights out," all the lanterns were extinguished.

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MR. GEO. CURZON'S TRAVELS.

HIS SAFETY ASSURED.

The illustration below represents Mr. Geo. Curzon, about whom so much has been written in the Press, consequent on an alarmist report having been circulated by the London correspondent of the *Scotsman*. This is the original paragraph that was published:—"On inquiry at the India Office, I find that the authorities are absolutely in the dark with respect to the movements or the whereabouts of Mr. Geo. Curzon, M.P. Official information reached the Secretary of State some weeks ago of the arrival of the member for Southport, and of his intention to proceed to Cabul. He was

warned by the Indian Government that if the attempt were made without special permit from the Ameer, and without an adequate escort, it would be at the risk of his life. Unofficially the India Office have been informed that Mr. Curzon set out, accompanied by an English military officer, with the intention of reaching the Pamirs. The officer was immediately recalled, but whether Mr. Curzon returned with him or pressed forward alone, or whether he actually embarked on this particular expedition, is not known. What is certain is, that if he has attempted to reach Cabul even with the Ameer's pass, the sudden turn events have taken consequent on the Prince's illness invest the journey with serious peril." A telegram has been received from Mr. Curzon stating that he is in perfect safety.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR FROUDE.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

Professor J. A. Froude died on Saturday morning at 6.30. He was unconscious for 24 hours before dissolution took place. *Men of the Time* supplies the following biography:—James Anthony Froude, youngest son of the late Venerable R. H. Froude, archdeacon of Totnes, born at Darlington, Devonshire, April 23rd, 1818, was educated at Washington and at Oriel College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1840, taking a second class in classics, and he proceeded M.A. in due course. In 1842 he carried off the Chancellor's prize for an English Essay on "The Influence of the Science of Social Economy on the Moral and Social Welfare of the Nation"; and in the same year he became a Fellow of Exeter College. He was ordained a deacon in the Established Church in 1844. For some time he was connected with the High Church party under the Rev. J. H. Newman, and wrote in "The Lives of the English Saints." Under the pseudonym of "Zeta" he published in 1847 a volume entitled "Shadows of the Clouds," which comprised two stories—"The Spirit's Trials" and "The Lieutenant's Daughter." His "Nemesis of Faith" appeared in 1848, and reached a second edition in the following year. It marked his defection from the teaching of the Church of England, against whose reverence for what he called the "Hebrew Mythology," it is, *inter alia*, a protest. Both these works were severely condemned by the University authorities. About this time Mr. Froude resigned his Fellowship, and he was obliged to give up an appointment which he had received to a teachership in Tasmania. For two or three years he wrote almost constantly for *Fraser's Magazine* and the *Westminster Review*. One of his articles in the latter on the Book of Job has been reprinted in a separate form (1854). In 1856 he published the first two volumes of his "History of England from the Fall of Wolsey to the defeat of the Spanish Armada," which has been continued from time to time, vols. 11 and 12 having been published in

1870, concluding the work. The materials for this history are mainly derived from the public documents of the time, and the boldness and originality of the author's views have attracted much attention. One of the most marked features of the work is an elaborate attempt to vindicate the reputation of Henry VIII. His "Short Stories on Great Subjects" appeared in 1867, being reprints of essays which had appeared in various periodicals. Mr. Froude was installed rector of the University of St. Andrew's, March 23rd, 1869, on which occasion the degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him. For a short time he was editor of *Fraser's Magazine*, but he resigned that position in August, 1871. On September 21, 1872, taking advantage of the Clerical Disabilities Act, he executed a deed of relinquishment of the office of deacon. In the autumn of 1872 Mr. Froude went to the United States, where he delivered a series of lectures on the relations between England and Ireland. The burden of his addresses was that Irishmen had themselves, to a large extent, caused their country's prostration by their own intestine jealousies and want of patriotism. An animated controversy ensued between him and Father Thomas Burke, the Dominican orator. At the close of the year 1874 Mr. Froude was sent by the Earl of Carnarvon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Cape of Good Hope, to make inquiries respecting the late Caffre insurrection, and he returned to London in March, 1875. His latest works are "The English in Ireland in the Eighteenth Century," three vols., 1871-74; "Cæsar: a sketch," 1879; and Reminiscences of the High Church Revival," a series of papers in "Good Words" (1881). Having been appointed executor to Thomas Carlyle, he published his "Reminiscences," two vols., 1881; and the first part of his biography, "Thomas Carlyle: a History of the first forty years of his life," 1882; and "Reminiscences of his Irish Journal in 1849," London 1882.

MR. BAYARD'S VIEWS OF ENGLAND.

SOME THINGS HE NEVER SAW HERE.

Some remarkable statements were made by Mr. Bayard, the American Ambassador to England, at a Wilmington meeting last week:—During a year and a half's residence in England, and most of the time in the City of London, I have never seen a policeman with a bâton or a stick in his hand. I have not seen a blow struck by anyone. I have not heard violent language from anyone, and I have not seen an act of violence committed by anyone. It is not only a daily and hourly sight, but it is almost a constant sight in that vast sea of traffic that swarms through the streets of London, like the waves of the sea upon the shore, to see, when the traffic is at its greatest, and when the vehicles are almost piled one upon another, a quiet man in the uniform of a police officer walk into the middle of the great crowd, turn his back upon the vehicles, and hold up his hand. He is the incarnation of the law, and the

UPLIFTED HAND OF THAT PLAIN POLICEMAN

is obeyed and respected, and until he lowers it the traffic does not attempt to continue. This is an every-day sight in any part of the crowded streets of London. What does that imply to me? A great deal. Not only that that man was a trained man in the performance of his duty, and was doing it unhesitatingly, but that there is a responsive chord in the hearts of the people that recognises him as the instrument of general law, and has taught them that there is only safety in obedience to the law honestly executed. (Great applause.) I have never passed the night in any house in which that household did not kneel every morning in common prayer to the Ruler of the World. Everywhere it is

DONE BY THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE,

and is almost their universal practice. I have been a long time there, and do not remember that I have ever heard any oath. I have been a long time there, and do not remember—nay, I am sure of it—that I ever heard at any entertainment a jest or a story that a man would object to tell to his wife, his sister, or his daughter. (Great applause.) I feel it my duty to say these things of a people who have received me so kindly and so cordially into their houses, into their homes, at their public dinners, and into their assemblies. It would not be fair, or just, or right, to come back home and not render true testimony in regard to that which I have seen. I say it for this reason: because I am most sincerely desirous of becoming an assistant in promoting peace on earth and goodwill among men. (Applause.) I am glad to bear testimony to the good feeling everywhere existing throughout Great Britain for the American people, and to say I hope that whenever an honest British hand is stretched out there will be an honest American hand ready to grasp it. Cheers.)

AGRICULTURE.

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE LATE MR. MANFRED BIDDELL.

THE FRAMLINGHAM FARMERS' CLUB.

SUFFOLK SHEEP IN AMERICA.

[By Our Special Correspondent.]

When the local history for the year comes to be written a sad story will have to be told of losses sustained within that period in the local agricultural world. A blow has just been given to the honoured Biddell family. Nay, I may go further and say to the whole county; East Anglia, indeed, has lost one of its most prominent and esteemed agriculturists. A record has already been given in the local press of the beautiful as well as the useful life which the late Mr. Manfred Biddell lived in the birth-place of gentlemen whom Suffolk is delighted to claim as residents, in that they have in their several capacities done good service for their native county, and thus ingratiated themselves into the confidence and affections of all with whom they have been brought into contact during a period extending over something like half a century. Sympathy for the family in the great loss they have just sustained will be deep and widespread. The senior brother has been taken away, but his good name will long abide with us. He was calm and dignified in his manner and work, but he had sound commonsense with a long and varied experience, and hence at all assemblies for the consideration of matters bearing more or less directly upon agriculture his brother councillors knew that they had in him a safe and sure guiding spirit, and his words, which were invariably few, were always listened to with the attention and respect due to one who always weighed carefully what he said. It would be difficult to estimate at anything like its true worth the value of such a life as he lived. He set an example which we should all do well to follow as far as our abilities and opportunities might enable us to do. The face, we are often reminded, is an index to the mind, and heart too, I suppose. You could not

LOOK INTO MR. BIDDELL'S FACE,

listen to his words, and doubt his sincerity. He was somewhat retiring in his disposition, perhaps, but this only lent a grace and dignity to his utterances, and his familiar form will be greatly missed from the more important gatherings of agriculturists that may be held as time goes on. It was not only as a public man, however, that he rendered signal service to the county—he did much to popularise and improve the native breed of horses; and to talk of what he was able to do in this direction during his long life would be only to repeat an oft-told tale. The name of Manfred Biddell has often been a prominent one in the prize lists of the Royal and county shows, and if nothing else could be said of his work for Suffolk this of itself would be sufficient to endear his memory to all who wish well of the county. In these days, when corn is realising next to nothing, it is perhaps more than ever important that special attention should be given to the improvement of the native kinds of stock. In this respect the late Mr. Biddell played a noble part, and we are to-day reaping no inconsiderable benefit as the result of the skill and knowledge which he brought to bear in the production of Suffolk Punches which were of the sturdy, compact type, so typical of true-bred specimens of the breed. He has died mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and his mortal remains were interred on Wednesday in the presence of a large number of gentlemen who knew his worth and were able to appreciate the severity of the loss which Suffolk has sustained.—The

OLD FRAMLINGHAM FARMERS' CLUB

held its annual meeting on Friday. I may use the word "old" without offence, seeing that the gathering was the fifty-fifth held under this very useful local agricultural organisation. Like the industry whose special interest it was formed so long ago to protect and forward, it seems to be in rather a poor way. Some doubt seems to have been expressed on the show ground as to whether the Club would be able to keep its head above water. The display of horticultural, agricultural and other produce was not nearly so large as on previous occasions, but this was not considered so much a bad omen for the continuance of the organisation as the fact that it is saddled with a debt. The difficulties which the executive have to contend with are, of course, considerably enhanced when they have a gradually decreasing income and a growing debt staring them in the face. It seems a little strange that with so formidable a list of members there should be a deficiency. The explanation is not, perhaps, far to seek; a good many of them have not apparently paid up. It may be thought probable that I am talking about a subject which does not greatly concern the public. This is, however, essentially a public and time-honoured institution, and one that deserves well of the county for its work in the past, extending over the long period of fifty-five years. Many have been the useful discussion meetings on subjects connected with practical and scientific agriculture, while the shows which have been held may be numbered by the years of its existence. I have altogether misjudged my friends of the Framlingham district if they allow—for the want of timely help—their club, which has such high credentials, to follow in the wake of so many other kindred institutions and cease to exist for the want of timely help. Those who have all along been amongst its most active supporters may point with pride to what has been done in the past, and if ever there was a time when agriculturists needed to meet together for consultation with a view to mutual help, that time is the present. Some of us who are more or less acquainted with the doings of the club during many years, can call to mind

MANY VALUABLE PAPERS

which have been read in the large room at the old Crown hostelrie, and not a few lively discussions. The late Mr. Mechi starred there, and he found himself faced by gentlemen who were not afraid to give expression to their views. One might point to other occasions when pleasant excitement prevailed as a result of a free expression of opinions, but it is not necessary to refer to the past in terms likely to leave the impression that the Club's work is done. We cannot spare an organisation so intimately connected with the county, and let us hope that some means may be devised of reviving something like the vigour which has always been so marked a feature of its existence. The many friends of the club will be glad to know that Mr. F. S. Corrance, who has held the position of president for so many years, has consented to remain in office, thus continuing to give the club the benefit of his intimate acquaintance with parochial affairs and matters bearing more or less directly upon agriculture. It is satisfactory to know that Suffolk stock come out well at this year's Toronto Industrial Exhibition. There was a very large display of stock of all kinds, roadsters numbering close upon 150, while never before in the history of this great fair, we are assured by the American press, were the numbers as great and the average quality so high. Suffolks and Hampshires were grouped together, and of the eleven premiums awarded, as many as seven went to the Suffolks, viz., 1st for shearling ram, 1st for shearling ewes, 1st for group of one ram, 4 ewes, and 2 ewe lambs, and 2nd and 3rd for ram lambs. The successful exhibiter was Mr. W. B. Cockburn, of Aberfoyle, Ontario, who purchased prize winning ewes from the Earl of Ellesmere in 1893, and from Mr. Joseph Smith, of Welton Grange, in 1894. Commenting on

THE SHOW OF SUFFOLKS,

the *Farmers' Advocate* says:—"Among the observant and unprejudiced flockmasters they created a very favourable impression;" and of the Oxford Downs:—"The lambs shown in this class were larger than any other except the Cotswolds, but their backs were not so well covered with flesh as the backs of the Suffolk lambs." The Suffolk horses were also apparently well represented, premiums being won by Messrs. J. H. Strong, of Winchester, and Joseph Beck, of Thorndale. I have recently had shown me one of the annual catalogues of the Orchard Hill Farm flock, issued by the Iowa Suffolk Sheep Co., located at Atlantic, Iowa, U.S.A. A perusal of its pages shows that Suffolk sheep have advanced rapidly in public estimation in America. The breed is evidently in the hands of intelligent and enterprising men. The little pamphlet of 30 pages is profusely illustrated with excellent plates of single and grouped sheep, and contains, in addition to copious extracts from the "History of the Breed," as published in the Suffolk Sheep Society's Flock Book, a vast amount of useful information as to shipping arrangements, weight of sheep, &c. American-like, the owners of the flock, after quoting the high average fall of lambs of this breed in England, viz., 133 lambs per 100 ewes, caps it with:—"The Iowa Suffolk Sheep Company reports in 1893, 174, and in 1894, 166 lambs per 100 ewes." It may thus be safely asserted that a change of climate has not impaired the natural fecundity of these sheep. Some of our local flock owners might do worse than issue a similar catalogue as a valuable advertising medium.

THE NEW LONDON RAILWAY.

The first sod of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire extension to London line will be cut in the Alpha Road, St. John's Wood, at noon on Tuesday, November 13th. The ceremony will be performed by the Countess of Wharncliffe, and a luncheon will afterwards be given.

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FRIENDLY SOCIETY NOTES.

IPSWICH FEMALE FORESTERS.

SUNDAY CHURCH PARADES.

The past has been a somewhat busy week among the different orders in the county; but the event of prime importance must, on the grounds of courtesy and chivalry as well as because it marks a new epoch in the history of local friendly society work, be characterised as that which took place in the small hall of the Ipswich Co-operative Buildings, on Tuesday. We refer to the inauguration of the "Lady Evelyn Cobbold" Court of female Foresters.

In a previous issue we referred to the advantages to be derived by females being associated with Forestry, and it is needless now to repeat those arguments; sufficient to say that the tables of contribution under which the lady Foresters will pay have been certified as correct and sufficient to meet sick and funeral benefits in accordance with the rules. Novelty ever preserves its charm, and on this thesis we assume greater interest centred in Tuesday's ceremony, the representative attendance at which was a happy omen of what the latest additions to the ranks of Forestry may be expected to achieve.

Among the visitors were D.C.R. Bro. W. Canham, D.S.C.R. Bro. G. Hayward, the D.S. Bro. G. Crickmer, P.H.C.R.; W. Rickwood, and P. L. Groom (two of the district trustees); P.H.O.S. Bro. G. Booth, junr., of the late Executive Council of Ipswich; Miss E. E. Page, the C.R. of a Norwich female Court; the Mayor of Ipswich, Mr. J. D. Cobbold, and others. Bro. W. Canham presided, and Bro. W. E. Atack (C.R. 2105) occupied the vice. First of all came the dispensation authorising the establishment of the Court, which is granted by the Executive Council; and this essential document having been read, the ladies whose names were engrossed on the dispensation, together with another system, were initiated into the art and mystery of Forestry, after which the Court proceeded to elect its officers as follows:—Mrs. Florence Atack, C.R.; Mrs. Esther Self, S.C.R.; Miss Annie A. Johnson, S.W.; Miss Margaret S. Pennock, J.W.; Miss Christianna Walker, S.B.; Miss Mary Ann Jackson, J.B.; Miss Elizabeth Jackson, treasurer; Miss Katie Grayston, secretary; and Miss Emma E. Pollard, assistant secretary.

Honorary members were proposed and initiated as follows:—Lady Evelyn Cobbold, the Mayoress (Mrs. S. R. Anness), Mrs. Cobbold (The Grove), Mrs. Jefferies (St. Helen's Lodge), and Mrs. F. Barker. Sister Atack and Sister Page as the chief officers, read the initiatory lectures to 12 financial members, but it was with much regret that the court listened to letters of apology for non-attendance from the Dowager Lady Tollemache, the Hon. Mrs. Pretyman, Mrs. D. Ford Goddard, Mrs. E. Packard, jun., Mrs. A. W. Soames, Mrs. J. H. Bartlet, Mrs. R. S. Paul, and Mrs. W. Roche. All, however, wished the Court a prosperous career, as did also Sir Chas. Dalrymple, M.P., who was unable to come to Ipswich in consequence of an engagement in Edinburgh.

The latter part of the service, although complimentary in character, was none the less interesting, as it had the effect of drawing forth valuable suggestions for the working of the Court. Among those who were cordially thanked for their practical support and sympathy were the Mayor, Mr. J. D. Cobbold, Miss Page (Norwich), Lady Evelyn Cobbold (who spoke of the pleasure it afforded her to have the Court named after her), Mr. G. F. Howard (D.S. of the Norwich District), and Bro. Geo. Crickmer, the D.S. of the Ipswich District. The Court, which will meet every fourth Tuesday, closed with the singing of the National Anthem, everyone being satisfied that the Ipswich Female Foresters would be a living force in the district. These notes would be incomplete if we failed to mention that the hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion by the young females.

Needham Market District witnessed two friendly society parades on Sunday—the Needham District Foresters visiting Somersham and the Manchester Unity Oddfellows of "Bosmere" going to Needham Church. About 70 members of the former body proceeded to Somersham Church, where the rector (the Rev. G. Langley) preached and addressed a few appropriate words to the brethren. "Bosmere" brethren mustered in strong force, dull and wet weather failing to damp the ardour of these kindred spirits. Starting from their headquarters (the Swan Hotel), they marched in procession, headed by the Needham Mission band, to the church, where the Rev. J. Wilson (vicar) preached a very practical sermon from St. Paul's words, "Be careful for nothing," the offertory being in aid of the East Suffolk Hospital.

The brethren on parade included:—Bros. G.M. S. A. Turner, N.G. A. E. Hill, E.S. H. J. Button, and Per. Secy. T. Bloomfield (Lodge officers); Prov. G.M. C. Hudson, Prov. D.G.M. G. Fisher, P.P.G.M.'s J. Balt and A. Meadows, P.G.'s W. Thurston and Clayton, V.G. G. Streeter, Bros. Ladbrook, Spurling, Norman, Cook (Ipswich); a large detachment from the "Temple of Friendship" and "Gipping" Lodges, Stowmarket among whom were Per. Secy. S. Jordan, P.G.'s W. F. Greengrass, W. Cuthbert, N.G. W. B. Godfrey, and Bros. W. H. Nice, J. Ward, and W. Cattermole.

It is far from being a recognised custom for friendly societies to visit other than Established Churches; but about 120 members of the "Star of Suffolk" (5318) Court of Foresters' (Debenham), together with the members of the juvenile court, broke through this rule on Sunday. On that day the brethren met at their Court Room and formed into a procession, after being marshalled by the Chief Ranger, Bro. E. W. List, headed by the Past Chief Rangers of the Court, and the Debenham brass band under the leadership of Bro. W. Whitmore. On arrival at the Congregational Chapel an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Devine, who discoursed on the principles of mutual help. The musical portion of the service was very hearty, the hymns being selected from Sankey's hymn book. Miss E. Damant presided at the organ. After the service the procession was re-formed and the principal streets paraded. Finally the members dispersed in the open space near their Courtroom. In the procession we noticed three daughters of the secretary, Bro. R. Lockwood, they being members of the Female Court for juveniles. Next Sunday (D.V.) the members will meet at 2.30, and attend church at 3 p.m.

There was a very numerous gathering of Wickham Market friendly society members on Sunday to take part in the special service at the parish church. The brethren met at the Bridge and formed into a procession, the length of which served to show the strength of the various orders in that locality. The Woodbridge and Wickham Market bands headed the procession, and this combination, together with the bright regalia of the processionists, presented an imposing appearance, features of the gathering being the stag's head of the Foresters and the richly-designed banners of the Rational Society. The interest taken in the event was demonstrated by a crowded church, the congregation contributing freely to the offertory, which was devoted to the East Suffolk Hospital funds.

The "Pretyman" Lodge of Oddfellows at Felixstowe is at present securing very attractive meetings, the fortnightly gathering on Tuesday equalling in enthusiasm the occasion of the visit of the "Past Grands'" lodge. The initiation of honorary members should, however, be made events of exceptional interest, if only to prove to non-benefit members the value of such organisations as the Manchester Unity. The gentlemen whom the "Pretyman" brethren sought to honour by initiation were Dr. Turner, P.P.G.M. F. B. Jennings, Mr. A. J. Haward, Mr. W. Jolly, Mr. E. H. Woodmancy, Mr. A. Wilson, and Mr. W. Wawman, and some half-dozen members, among whom were Mr. Jennings, jun., and Mr. J. W. Moss.

Bro. J. W. Read, N.G., presided, and the other officers present were:—Bros. R. M'Intosh, V.G.; W. Jessup, G.M.; F. C. Thurman, E.S.; C. Fisk, treasurer; and H. Meadows, permanent secretary; while the visitors included the Deputy Grand Master of the Order (Bro. W. O. White), Prov. G.M. C. Hudson, Prov. D.G.M. G. Fisher, P.P.G.M. J. Pye, P.G.'s H. Robinson, F. A. Bales, A. W. C. Noakes, and D. Flowerman, N.G. G. Moss, E.S. E. H. Robinson and H. Anderson, Bros. J. Orton, J. Morsley ("Jolly Bucks" Lodge), W. Spurling, H. Norman, &c.

A graceful compliment was paid to Bro. W. Orford White, J.P., in asking him to conduct the initiation, which he did in an impressive manner; and after the customary "long life to our newly initiated brethren" had been heartily received, Bros. Jennings, Turner, Jolly, and Woodmancy offered suitable acknowledgments, special reference being made to the beautiful service of the Order—a service, by the way, in which every patriotic Englishman can heartily sympathise. The health of Bros. White, Hudson and Fisher, were toasted in laudatory terms by the N.G., who voiced the satisfaction of the Ipswich district in having Bro. White selected as the D.G.M. of the Order, and in his recent elevation to the Magisterial Bench. In response Bro. White paid a tribute to the magnitude of the Great Manchester Unity, and urged upon the brethren the necessity of unity, perseverance and industry.

After apologies for non-attendance had been heard from Bros. Felix T. Cobbold, C. H. Downes, and C. A. Creasey, the rest of the evening was spent in toast and song, in which the following brethren took part:—Bros. Hudson, Fisher, Warner, Dredge, Pye and M'Intosh.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT IPSWICH.

DAMAGES £2,000.

HEROIC CONDUCT OF AN ENGINE-MAN.

One of the most destructive fires known in Ipswich for many months past, and one which called forth a demonstration of that coolness and courage so characteristic of Englishmen, occurred during the early hours of Saturday morning at the Bramford Road Tannery—extensive works which cover an area of nearly five acres between the Bramford Road and the river Gipping. The tannery is carried on by Messrs. G. H. Nicholson and Son, of London, who have made an important two-storeyed brick extension to the works in the shape of currying and finishing rooms. Abutting upon the towing-path of the river was one gable end; while the other end of the building extended to within about ten yards of the engine and boiler-house. The space between the latter and the gable of the currying-room was occupied by a drying loft and store-room; and running parallel to the new finishing-room was an apartment on the ground floor known as the beam-room, in which skins are steeped in the brine pits, with a wool store above. Add to this the fact that most of the tannery buildings are built of wood, stored with materials of a somewhat inflammable nature, and it will be seen that the position of the premises readily lend themselves to a great conflagration. It was in a corner of the new drying-room where the fire is supposed to have had its origin, next to the leather drying stove. Over-night the boiler, a large old one, had been "banked" by the engine man, named Johnson, who at five o'clock on Saturday morning visited the place for the purpose of getting up steam. On opening the door, however, he was met by a dense volume of smoke and a fierce outburst of flame which

SENT HIM REELING BACKWARDS.

There was no time to be lost, and Johnson recovering somewhat from the shock hurriedly aroused the manager (Mr. Swale), who resides in a house adjoining the works. By this time the flames were spreading with lightning rapidity, and the ugly tongues of fire and smoke began to ascend the roof, throwing a glowing light against the tannery buildings and the corn mill some 60 yards distant, which is worked by Mr. Cattermole. As the flames leapt upwards they were noticed by a man named Bragg, the Rushmere postman, while descending the Woodbridge Road. In the meantime messengers had been despatched to the fire station; but Bragg took the commendable precaution of also giving an alarm as he entered the town. On receiving the intelligence from a boy residing in the Bramford Road neighbourhood, Mr. F. W. Canham, of St. Matthew's, quickly telephoned to Supt. Wheeler, who within a remarkably short space of time got out the steamer and a portion of the fire brigade, who lost no time in arriving at the scene of the conflagration. Mr. Canham also despatched a team of horses for the manual engine and several cabs to convey those members of the fire brigade who were unable to accompany the steamer. By this time the fire had

ASSUMED SERIOUS PROPORTIONS,

but the presence of an ample supply of water did much to lighten the duties of the brigade, although the placing of the engine so as to best utilise this supply was a task of no small trouble, as the steamer, weighing two tons, had to be backed through some allotments to the river's edge, and 500 ft. of hose run out. Supt. Wheeler hurriedly accomplished this exacting work, and having decided to concentrate his efforts with the view of saving the north-easterly end of the block of buildings, the brigade commenced their arduous duties with becoming energy. But here an apparently insurmountable danger and difficulty presented itself. Owing to the boiler fires having been "banked" over night there was a large quantity of steam in the boiler, at the further end of which the brigade were combatting a fire which assumed greater proportions every minute. As a consequence of this phenomenal heat, the boiler quickly generated an abnormal quantity of steam, which, under ordinary circumstances, would have been blown off. This, however, was impossible, owing to a large mass of falling *débris* pressing upon the safety valves and preventing their mechanical action. Johnson, the engine-man, and the manager intuitively realised that if the steam pressure were not relieved, an

EXPLOSION WOULD INEVITABLY FOLLOW.

Then (to use Supt. Wheeler's expression), quietly and swiftly an act was performed which deserves as much commendation as a man's throwing a live shell overboard. The manager held the door while Johnson, in true heroic fashion, fought his way through heat and falling tiles and smashed a guage glass, thus allowing the steam to escape, and possibly saving the lives of the six firemen who were struggling with the fire at the other end of the boiler-house, in blissful ignorance of the courageous conduct of one who had done his duty nobly, though regardless of self. The Insurance Company, our readers will gladly learn, are making Johnson a small gift of money, but how inadequate to the service rendered this necessarily must be will be patent to all. To return to the fire. By this time the beam-room and wool store were threatened, and a jet of water was directed to this quarter of the premises by the manager and Mr. E. G. Dale, the latter being one of the first persons on the spot and who worked hard to subdue the fire, assisted by the tannery *employés* and a number of volunteers, who with

BUCKETS OF WATER FROM THE TAN PITS

kept the flames in check. A second 500 feet length of hose was, however, necessary to effectually quench the burning mass, and within an hour the remainder of the tannery was placed beyond the possibility of danger, the greatest credit being due to Supt. Wheeler's and Mr. Pretty's men, as well as to the *employés* of the works and the civilians for the splendid way in which they worked to cope with the fire. The damage was of course extensive, the loss being estimated at about £2,000, which is fortunately covered by insurance. The two-storeyed brick buildings, 130 feet by 30 feet, used as currying and leather finishing and wool-drying rooms, were practically reduced to charcoal, while the boiler house and adjacent storerooms suffered greatly from heat, water, and cutting away. The

SCENE AFTER THE FIRE

was one of devastation and ruin, the expensive new machinery which had been put in for carrying out the currying and finishing processes lying among the fallen walls and timbers, twisted into all sorts of fantastic shapes by the terrible heat to which it had been subjected. When at its height, the blaze was such as to light up the whole of the surrounding neighbourhood, the tongues of fire leaping into the air and licking the walls below in weird grandeur. The roof collapsed at an early stage, while every now and then a thrill of horror ran through the onlookers by the sudden crash into the basement of a huge girder or

A COSTLY PIECE OF MACHINERY

which only the previous day had served to demonstrate the ingenuity of man. At one time the gable end near the towing-path threatened to fall into the river; but thanks to the energetic action of Inspector Pearson and a strong force of police, with whom were Sergts. Emmerson and Nunn, the path was kept clear, and the outbreak was so rapidly checked that the wall maintained its perpendicular. With a less skilful chief and a less competent fire brigade, the chances are that the damage incurred would have run into ten figures. As it is, loss of business to Messrs. Nicholson until the repairs are effected, and a number of their *employés* being temporarily thrown out of employment constitute the principal loss to the firm.

In Praise of Johnson: Letter from Supt. W. Wheeler.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—I feel that I ought not to let the plucky conduct of the man Johnson, the engineer at Messrs. Nicholson's works, pass by without publicly expressing, on behalf of my men and myself, thanks for his act, but for which most probably an explosion would have occurred, whereby six of us must have been either killed or severely injured. In order to make it plain to your readers, I will endeavour to place the facts before them as accurately as I have gathered them. The boiler, a large old one, had been under banked fires all night, and therefore had steam up ready for work when the fire was discovered, the safety valves being then clear and ready for relieving the boiler whenever undue pressure was put upon it. It was at the further end of this boiler where the fire, which we were fighting, was most stubborn, and, as a consequence, the boiler quickly generated an abnormal quantity of steam. This would have been blown off under ordinary circumstances, but could not, on account of falling *debris* having

WEIGHTED THE SAFETY VALVES

and kept them from acting. The manager (Mr. Swale) and Johnson quickly realised the fact that if the boiler were not relieved an explosion would soon follow. Then quietly and swiftly an act was performed which deserves as much commendation as a man's throwing a live shell overboard. Mr. Swale held the door of the boiler-house and "stood by," while this hero fought his way through heat and falling tiles and smashed a gauge glass, which allowed the steam to escape, and averted danger. Johnson, knowing the danger, might easily have placed himself out of its reach, but he thought of others before himself, and, like Jem Bludso on the Missip, "he knew his duty, and went for it." The firemen, in blissful ignorance of what was going on, were engaged not ten yards from the end of this boiler, little thinking how hard this humble individual was fighting by himself for everyone but himself. The Insurance Company interested are making the man a small gift of money, which, though very acceptable, will not convey to him how much this act will be appreciated by every Englishman who hears of it through the publication of this letter.—I am, &c.,

W. WHEELER,
Fire Brigade, Ipswich. Supt. I.F.B.

STRANGE CONDUCT OF A FATHER.

DASHING A BABY ON THE FLOOR.

At Dover Quarter Sessions on Tuesday a gentleman of independent means, named William Henry Critchley, living at St. Peter's, Thanet, was indicted for having, on September 9th, wilfully and maliciously assaulted and illtreated his son, aged two years and three months. The prosecution was taken under the new Act of last session. The evidence showed that on the night in question prisoner went to his wife's room where the child was, and took hold of his wife by the throat and shook her. He then took the child in his arms and knocked it against the floor, afterwards going out into the street with the child in his arms, both of them being in their night clothes. A policeman was called, and the prisoner said he thought the house was on fire. He afterwards said, "I am a medical man, and have a right to kill the child if I like." It was stated that when not under the influence of drink prisoner was a most affectionate father. His brother, a colliery proprietor of Batley, Yorkshire, offered to become responsible for his conduct if he was released, as did also his brother-in-law, and the prisoner was dealt with under the First Offenders' Act, being bound over to come up for judgment when called upon.

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AN ANNUAL JOKE.

Professor Josiah P. Cooke, the well-known head of the chemistry department at Harvard, who died recently, had his one little joke which he perpetrated on the freshman class every year with great good humour. Professor Cooke's lectures in chemistry were about the only course which the whole freshman class was required to attend in a body. At the first lecture each year, when the two or three hundred freshmen were gathered before him in the big amphitheatre in Boylston Hall, Professor Cooke would bring out a small bottle containing an innocent-looking white liquid. At a certain stage in the lecture, after he had touched upon the tremendously destructive qualities of certain chemicals, the old gentleman would pick up the vial and hold it out in his trembling fingers before the view of the whole class. "Gentlemen," he would say, in a voice full of tremours and quavers, "gentlemen, this bottle contains a terrible explosive. If it should drop from my hands to the floor"—and here his fingers would tremble alarmingly—"you would all be blown into atoms." Invariably this speech, combined with the pathetic trembling of the old man's fingers, would cause a commotion in the room, and half a dozen of the more timid freshmen on the front row would jump up and flee precipitately. Professor Cooke would turn and look at the fleeing students, and then, with a broad, genial, and knowing smile to the rest of the class, which would smile back at him, he would carefully lay the vial back in its little case, ready to be used at the next annual joke.

TEETOTALER'S ALLEGED PERJURY.

At the Central Criminal Court on Tuesday James Crabb surrendered to answer an indictment which charged him with having committed wilful perjury in evidence given by him at the Southwark Police Court on September 22nd last. The case against the accused, who is said to be a member of a North London "Temperance Watch Committee," is that he swore to seeing a constable while on duty enter the Flower of the Forest public-house, Blackfriars Road, and drink some porter which he ordered. The police officer was reported by the defendant, and, when questioned, strenuously denied the allegation that he had the drink, his explanation being that he was called from point duty to the house to eject a drunken man. The landlord, the barman, and other persons present also denied that the constable had been served. These witnesses were called before the Magistrate, who dismissed the summons against Mr. Cash, the landlord. Proceedings were then instituted against the defendant for alleged perjury. Wm. Johnson, the barman referred to, was now called, and said that the beer which was being drawn when the constable came into the bar was for a customer named Cherry. Police constable Thompson, 123 L Division, was called next, and he positively denied that he partook of any drink at the house on the morning in question. Mr. Cash, the landlord, gave corroborative evidence. Other evidence of a similar character was given.

GALE ON THE EAST COAST.

ALDEBURGH LIFEBOAT LAUNCHED.

REMARKABLE DISCOVERY AT THORPENESS.

A strong gale from the south-west, accompanied by heavy down pours of rain, raged along the east coast on Sunday, resulting in considerable damage to a large steamer off Yarmouh and smaller craft along the coast.

DANGER OF DERELICT WRECKS.

On Sunday the large steamer Netley Abbey, of Liverpool, bound from the Baltic to London with fire-wood and deals, got into difficulties off Yarmouth. Early that morning she struck a sunken wreck near the Leman and Ower Sands, and must have received considerable damage. She commenced making water rapidly; heavy seas broke over her, and although all hands were kept at the pumps the engineroom was flooded. The captain was enabled to reach Yarmouth to procure assistance on board a French fishing lugger, Three Yarmouth tugs and about fifty men proceeded to the vessel and assisted in jettisoning the cargo, while the Gorleston lifeboat Elizabeth Simpson, with her coxswain (J. Woods) on board, was rapidly got off. At noon on Monday the three tugs took her in tow for London.

ALDEBURGH FISHING BOATS IN DISTRESS.

The Aldeburgh lifeboat Mark Lane was launched on Saturday morning. Four Aldeburgh fishing boats had been floated early, and had proceeded to the off-lying sands for cod-fishing purposes. When the easterly gale came on, these boats found difficulty in getting back to the shore. To the aid of the fishermen the lifeboatmen directed their efforts. The Thorpeness lifeboat, Christopher North Graham, was also launched and came up towards Aldeburgh, following the fishing boats from Dunwich Bank. The Mark Lane saved three crews belonging to Aldeburgh, eleven hands in all; the boats and fishing gear were also landed, one being damaged in the surf. The Ella (belonging to Mr. James Haken) and the Charley both reached the Harbour, and came up to Aldeburgh in the river. The wind blew strong throughout Sunday. Some of the larger sprat boats, however, ventured off from Aldeburgh; one of the boats, in crossing the shoals, nearly filled with water.

A HIDDEN BURIAL-GROUND.

A changing coast line is perceptible. After the previous easterly winds, a considerable scour of the coast line was noticed at Thorpeness, and this, coupled with a very low tide, revealed many interesting relics of bygone ages. To the east of the Coastguard Station, and well into the sea, a bed of London clay was exposed, filled with human bones, including skulls, which evidently formed one of many burying places, now hidden in the sea, but occasionally revealed by the vagaries of the mighty ocean. To the west of the same spot were two Roman wells, filled with sand, and to the east were to be seen the "ribs and trucks" of one of our "old coasters," which many years ago was stranded.

A SECOND GALE: GREAT DAMAGE.
A BARQUE BREAKS UP OFF SOUTHWOLD.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the east coast was visited by a destructive gale—the second within three days. A strong S.S.E. wind sprang up at Lowestoft and Yarmouth on Tuesday, and rapidly increasing in force throughout the night, on Wednesday morning the "old salts" along the coast predicted danger. During the day the gale rose with considerable force, and all the fishing boats and smaller craft lost no time in hastening to harbour. The prospect seawards was far from encouraging, as the long line of foam over the much-dreaded sandbanks stretched as far as the eye could see, the waves dashing over the banks with terrific force. The dread forebodings of nautical men were before the day was over only too fully justified.

EXCITING DAY AT SOUTHWOLD: LIFEBOATS TO THE RESCUE.

Soon after daybreak on Wednesday a large ship was seen off Dunwich with signal of distress flying. A muster was called at the lifeboat shed, and the Alfred Corry was soon afloat, but with a dead head wind the men had to sail off a great distance and tack before they could possibly reach the ship, which had driven close ashore. Just before reaching her they found the Dunwich lifeboat had taken hold. Later in the morning the Despatch tug put in an appearance but nothing could be done as the barque, which proved to be the Nina, of Christiania, with timber, had been in collision with a steamer on board which the crew had been taken. A small fishing boat saw the ship and put three hands aboard, but they were afterwards taken off by the Southwold lifeboat and landed at Southwold, where they received the warmest treatment from the hon. secretary of the lifeboat (Mr. J. Sinclair) men could possibly have. The Dunwich crew were also well cared for and afterwards sent home by cart. The

SHIP AFTERWARDS DROVE ASHORE

and became a total wreck. Whilst this was going on a small yawl was seen with flag flying abreast of Southwold. The Quiver lifeboat was floated, and just in the nick of time saved the crew, and took the boat in tow, proceeding to Lowestoft, fortunately falling in with a tug, which gave them a friendly tow into the harbour. The Dunwich boat had to go ashore at Southwold. Late in the afternoon the barque broke up, and the cargo was strewn about the beach, gangs of men securing and stacking the timber above high water mark. A good deal of the ship's timbers came into the harbour. During Wednesday news reached Lowestoft that the drifter Sunbeam, owned by Mr. B. M. Bradbeer, had, during the strong wind on Tuesday night, lost her foretopmast, and she anchored near the sands. Her anchor cable parted, and the crew let go another anchor attached to the trawl rope. This failed to hold the vessel, and, fearing that she would drive on to the sands, signals of distress were fired. These were responded to by the Gorleston lifeboat Mark Lane, and when the latter reached the drifter, her crew abandoned the Sunbeam, and were landed at Gorleston on Wednesday morning. The tug Gleaner immediately went in search of the fishing boat, and she was towed into Yarmouth during the afternoon.

MINOR CASUALITIES OFF YARMOUTH.

Several minor casualities are reported from Yarmouth. The Scotch drifter Ebony, of Banff, lost her warp while fishing on Tuesday, about 16 miles E.S.E. of the Cross Sand. Another Scotch boat, the B. F. Faithful, collided on Wednesday in Yarmouth Harbour with the Danish barque Northumbria, but neither sustained any particular damage. The B.F. boat Mashona collided on Tuesday night with an unknown trawler while fishing about sixteen miles E. of the Cross Sand buoy.

DISMASTED BARQUE OFF ALDEBURGH.

In the early hours of Thursday morning a telephonic message was received at Aldeburgh that the Shipwash Lightship was firing guns and throwing up distress rockets. Mr. Williams, R.N., the Divisional Officer of Coastguard, and secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, immediately fired gun rockets for the crew of the Aldeburgh lifeboat to assemble. A grand launch was made in the darkness of the morning, and the boat proceeded in search of the distressed vessel. The Aldeburgh lifeboat eventually saved the crew of a dismasted barque.

STRANDED BARQUE BROUGHT INTO HARWICH.

About 1.30 a.m. on Thursday, in response to gun and rocket signals, the Harwich lifeboat Springwell was manned, and put out to sea in tow of the tug Merrimac. On Thursday afternoon the Springwell returned to Harwich Harbour, and her coxswain reported they had found a barque in the vicinity of the Inner Gabbard Sands, with the Aldeburgh lifeboat lying alongside, and that the tug Merrimac had gone to render assistance. About six o'clock the tug Merrimac, having the derelict barque and the Aldeburgh lifeboat in tow, arrived in Harwich Harbour. The vessel is the Austrian barque Guiste, of Trieste, 750 tons register, 13 hands, Capt. G. Benussi, bound from Sundsvall to Cape Town, with a cargo of deals. She went ashore on Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock, on the Inner Gabbard Sand, and soon became waterlogged, and to save her, her captain had the masts cut away, and she beat off the sands. The crew of the Aldeburgh lifeboat, on arrival at the wreck, took charge, and engaged the services of the tug to tow her to Harwich, which was safely performed, although the barque, drawing 24ft. of water, grounded two or three times in coming into the harbour.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

CONSERVATISM IN THE WESTGATE WARD.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—Many Conservatives want to know why two such weak Liberal candidates as Messrs. Fraser and Pratt are to be returned unopposed. It seems this Ward has been too long manipulated by Mr. J. H. Josselyn, and remembering Messrs. Fraser and Pratt's action in the Christchurch Park matter, it looks suspiciously like their support of Mr. Josselyn's narrow-minded policy on that occasion is to be rewarded by their being allowed to walk over at the coming election. Nice Conservatism this!—I am, Sir,

A WESTGATE WARD ELECTOR.

25th October, 1894.

MR. GLADSTONE'S LATEST FEAT.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—Your morning contemporary (to-day's date) under the heading "Mr. Gladstone and the Congregationalists," informs its readers that "the deputation visited the library which Mr. Gladstone has created at Hawarden." An ordinary mortal could only "make," "form," or "collect" a library, but it is reserved for Mr. Gladstone's more than human genius to *create one!* What can the Congregationalists who read this think of the term? Many of us would have supposed that Mr. Gladstone's name would be famous in history for *inter alia* the bombardment of Alexandria, the Kilmainham treaty, the destruction of the Liberal party, and the death of General Gordon; but the greatest apparently of all his achievements is the *creation* of this library.—I am, Sir, your obdient servant,

EDGAR G. APPLETON.

Stowmarket, October 19th.

Y.M.C.A.: A WELCOME AND A WARNING.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to state through your valuable columns that whilst the Young Men's Christian Association in London, which has 5,000 branches throughout the world, is always ready to welcome young men on their arrival in the Metropolis, present them with a complimentary ticket for one month available for full Club privileges, provide them with comfortable lodgings, and do all in its power to secure them suitable employment, yet I would venture most strongly to dissuade all young men from removing to London on the mere chance of finding employment. There are numbers of capable men in this city unable to find work, and I am anxious, through your kindness, to prevent others from swelling the ranks of the unemployed.—Yours faithful,ly

JOHN HENRY PUTTERILL,
General Secretary.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1894.

ELECTION EXPENSES.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—Adverting to the leader which appeared in the *East Anglian Daily Times* on Tuesday last, and to the writer's remarks on the absence of a protest from clerks to Local Board, I should like to point out that Mr. Vulliamy's letter, given in another column of the same paper, expressly stated that the protest against the remuneration offered was made at a meeting of both clerks to Guardians and Local Boards. I may at once say that I am not a Returning Officer, but it appears to me, as an outsider, that the difference in the suggested scales, and those which I understand are in force in all other elections, is so marked that there may be considerable ground for the complaint contained in the letter referred to. Having been concerned in more than one election under the Ballot Act I have had every opportunity of observing, not only the amount of work to be performed, but the care to be exercised by the returning officer and his assistants, and I must confess that I am at a loss to understand how voting compartments, specially printed books of ballot papers, tendered ballot papers, official stamping instruments, ballot boxes, actual horse hire (unavoidable in many instances), a reasonable fee for presiding officer, who will have to make himself conversant with the various Acts and to devote the best part of a day and night to the proper performance of his responsible duties, and a fee to the clerk, can be provided so as to leave any remuneration at all for the returning officers. I think you will agree, Sir, that with every wish to keep down the expenses, no one should be asked to undertake work in connection with these elections without a reasonable remuneration for the part he takes, and moreover, that it is most undesirable that the forthcoming election should be marred or inefficiency courted by "sweating" those concerned in its conduct. I suppose an increase of two or three guineas to the scale would even in a rural parish be almost imperceptible, and I do not imagine that the most thorough-going economist would wish to effect this infinitesimal saving at the cost of an injustice to the returning officers, whoever they may be. With regard to the distinction drawn by your contemporary between the allowance to Local Board and Union clerks, although I do not consider that the fee offered to the former is sufficient, it has occurred to me that in all probability he will reside in the parish for which the election is conducted, and that horse-hire and other trouble and expenses attendant on a contest at a distance will thereby be avoided. No doubt the County Council, in framing their scale, took this fact into consideration.—I am, &c.,

JUSTICE.

25th October, 1894.

MATRICULATIONS AT CAMBRIDGE.

At Cambridge University 868 students have matriculated. The number of Freshmen enrolled last October was 855. Trinity College heads the list with 188, St. John's has 82, Pembroke 60, Trinity Hall 58, Emmanuel 52, Caius 51, Clare 49, King's 41, Jesus 40, Christ's 39, Corpus 33, Selwyn 33, Queen's 25, Peterhouse 17, Sidney 16, Magdalene 15, St. Catherine's 14, Ayerst 11, Downing 8, and there are 36 non-collegiate students.

THE LATE MR. MANFRED BIDDELL.

FUNERAL AT PLAYFORD.

Amid signs of universal sorrow the mortal remains of Mr. Manfred Biddell (whose death, announced in the last issue of the *Journal*, has evoked many expressions of regret that such a familiar figure in the life of the county of Suffolk should have been removed by death) were interred in Playford churchyard on Wednesday. In spite of most unpropitious weather, the funeral was very numerously attended. The body was encased in a plain oak coffin of beautiful straight grain, and typical of the good man who was being borne to his last bourne, each gate and stile, corner and roadway adding to the followers; old folks, youths, maidens, and children braving the rain and mud—three generations of the same family. From Lucks farm, the deceased's late residence, the funeral *cortége* slowly wended its way to the churchyard, a distance of about a mile, the following being the chief mourners—First carriage: Mrs. Biddell (the widow) Mr. Arthur Blencowe Biddell, Miss Biddell, and Mr. John Lyall Biddell. Second carriage: Mrs. Cordy Wolton, Miss Bertha Biddell, Mrs. Jane Everard, and Mr. George Arthur Biddell. Third carriage: Miss Ellen Biddell and Mr. William Biddell. Fourth carriage: Miss Anna Biddell and Mr. Herman Biddell. Fifth carriage: Mrs. George Biddell, Mr. George Blencowe, Mrs. William Biddell, and Mr. Cordy S. Wolton. Sixth carriage: Mrs. Herman Biddell, Mr. Herman Biddell, junr., Miss Dorothea Biddell, and Miss Amy Biddell. Seventh carriage: Mr. Howard, Mrs. Howard, and Mr. Blencowe Howard.

PRIVATE CARRIAGES

were sent by Mr. Herman Biddell, Mr. G. E. Crisp, Mr. J. E. Ransome, Mr. W. H. Crisp, Mr. R. L. Everett, M.P., Mr. C. R. Steward, Mr. F. A. Kent, Mr. W. W. Hunt, Mr. Robert Bond, and Mr. Kirkpatrick. On arriving at the foot of the hill leading to the historic burial-ground, where rest the remains of Thomas Clarkson, the philanthropist, and the late Astronomer Royal, Sir George Biddell Airy, the coffin was borne into the church by the following *emploéys* of the deceased on the Lucks and Kiln Farms, Playford, and the Monument Farms at Foxhall:—William Amos, Ezra Edwards, George Brown, Harry Catlin, John Garrod, Noah Moyes, Sidney Scarlett, and Walter Warner. The officiating clergy, the Rev. J. M. Freeman, vicar of Playford, and the Rev. C. Hodgson, rector of Campsey Ashe, met the remains, and read the opening sentences of the beautiful Burial Service of the Church of England. There was not room in the sacred edifice for all who were present, the parishioners of Playford attending in large numbers, and

OVERFLOWING INTO THE PORCH.

Amongst the congregation were Lord John Hervey, Sir William Brampton Gurdon, Mr. F. S. Stevenson, M.P., Mr. R. L. Everett, M.P., Capt. Moore, Messrs. W. R. Wolton, Robert Bond, J. A. Hempson, Godfrey A. Hempson, Alan Turner, Kirkpatrick, Joseph Watkins, G. P. Watkins, John Gooding, W. N. King, John Hayward, Freeman Wright, H. F. Harwood, Alfred J. Smith, A. Gerald Smith, Fred Smith, Frederic Corder, J. S. Corder, Edwin Ransome (Wandsworth), Edward Fry, C. R. Steward, James Toller, William Toller, Horace Wolton, B. A. Posford, W. Everitt, W. W. Hunt, G. W. Hunt, E. C. Ransome (representing his father, Mr. James Edward Ransome), Harold S. Jefferies, Robert Edgar, G. E. Crisp, F. N. Kent, W. H. Crisp, W. King, P. Sheet, A. Dawson, A. Mumford, Isaac Punt, Wm. Fulcher, James Precious, R. Gathercole, T. Harrison, W. S. Grimwade, Joseph Balls, Samuel Oxborrow, George Brown (from Foxhall), John Garrard, and others. When the congregation had assembled, the organist (Miss A. J. Bromley) played the "Dead March" in *Saul*, after which the Rev. J. M. Freeman read the Psalm, the congregation responding with alternate verses. The Rev. C. Hodgson continued the

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

by reading the lesson, and at the graveside both clergymen took part in the concluding portion of the service. The remains were interred in a brick grave on the north side of the churchyard, adjoining that of the deceased's son, Manfred James Biddell, who died when approaching manhood some 15 years ago. The breastplate of the coffin bore the inscription — "Manfred Biddell, born 1822 — March 20th; died 1894—October 19th, aged 72 years."—By special request there were no floral tributes. The funeral arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. Frederic Corder, of Ipswich, under the direction of Mr. W. A. Bunn. A singular circumstance was noticed in connection with the funeral, viz., that Mr. John Crisp, carpenter, of Rushmere, now in his 88th year, has made coffins for three successive generations of the Biddell family, and attended the funeral of each one in Playford Churchyard, that of the late Mr. Manfred Biddell being the thirteenth. The first coffin was that of Mr. Manfred Biddell's twin sister in 1841.

Rupture.—J. A. Sherman, Hernia Specialist, is again in London. If you wish to be cured, send for his book, post free 7d.—Address, J A Sherman, 64, Chancery Lane, London.

SINGULAR DEATH AT EYE WORKHOUSE.

HOW AN OLD LABOURER WAS FOUND

STARVED AND ALMOST LIFELESS.

"Bayles, of Stradbroke, wants looking after." Such was the message delivered about eleven o'clock on Saturday morning to Mr. Henry Thirkettle, relieving officer to the Hoxne Hundred Board of Guardians. On proceeding to the house—a very delapidated one—standing by the side of the road leading to Laxfield, about two hours later, Mr. Thirkettle found Bayles, of Stradbroke, who, by-the bye was 71 years of age, and who has for some time past shared the home with another old man, lying on the brick floor in a corner of the room with nothing on but his shirt, trousers and stockings. He was unconscious, and throwing his arms up and moaning as if in pain. What happened during the next few hours may be briefly told as follows:—On seeing the condition of the poor old man Mr. Thirkettle hastily summoned Dr. Howe, the medical officer of the district. This gentleman at once ordered his removal to the Eye Workhouse infirmary. A telegram was despatched for Mr. Bullock, jobmaster of Eye, to send a cab and an attendant to Stradbroke at once. This was done, and some clothing having been put on to the man and brandy and water given to him by Mr. Thirkettle, he was placed in a cab and conveyed to Eye with all possible speed, the Workhouse being reached about 6 30 p m. The old man having been received and put to bed in the sick ward, he was very shortly afterwards seen by Dr. Barnes, the Workhouse medical officer, who states that Bayles was then

UNCONSCIOUS, PULSELESS, AND EXTREMELY COLD.

Dr. Barnes saw the patient twice on Sunday, but he was still unconscious, and in that condition he remained until his death, which took place about 9 45 on Sunday night. The officials in the meantime frequently tried to give him brandy and other stimulants, but he was unable to swallow them. Bayles is said to have formerly been a farmer, but of late years he had worked as an agricultural labourer. It is reported that Bayles had lain in the corner of the room in the condition in which Mr. Thirkettle found him since the previous Wednesday.

INQUEST: A POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION.

The inquest was conducted at the Sessions Hall, Eye, on Tuesday, by Mr. Coroner Vulliamy. The evidence strictly bore out the foregoing statement of facts, but the medical witnesses were totally unable to express an opinion as to the probable cause of death. Under these circumstances the Coroner ordered a *post-mortem* examination to be made, and the inquiry was adjourned.

HEART DISEASE THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

The inquiry was resumed on Thursday morning by Mr. Coroner Vulliamy, who acted for Mr. C. W. Chaston, the latter being chairman of the Board of Guardians for the Union from which the case came.—William Chittock, an aged labourer of Stradbroke, informed the court that the deceased lodged with him. There were two rooms in the cottage, one being used as a sitting-room and the other as a bedroom. There was one bed in the house, and they (witness and deceased) slept together. The deceased was at work on Wednesday week, and on the following morning he complained of feeling stiff. Deceased did not go to work, and in the evening Dr. Howe was sent for. Witness asked the doctor if he should send for any medicine, but the latter replied that deceased did not appear to want any. On Friday, although he was worse and could not speak well he got up, but the doctor did not see him that day. On the Saturday morning he got up and sat in his chair, but was so restless that he fell out of the chair several times. Witness called in a neighbour, and they laid a bundle of bean stalks down in the corner of the room, put a coat over them, and then made deceased sit down on it with his back against the wall. The deceased's brother, John Bayles, then sent for the doctor and the relieving officer, and the unfortunate man was ultimately removed to the Workhouse as stated. It did not occur to the witness to put a bed on the floor for the deceased as he did not think he would be there long.—John Bayles, deceased's brother, corroborated, and Dr. Barnes deposed to having made a *post-mortem* examination as directed. He found a bruise under the skin on the right side of the head, besides other marks. There was

A GENERAL STATE OF DISEASE

throughout the body. The heart was in a very advanced stage of disease, the lungs were dropsical, and the kidneys were also very much diseased. The cause of death was heart disease, this affecting the brain, and causing the unconsciousness. He did not think any medical skill could have prolonged deceased's life, and was surprised to hear from his condition that deceased could have worked so recently as Wednesday week.—Mr. A. B. Howe, medical officer for the Stradbroke division of the Hoxne Union, gave circumstantial evidence as to the deceased's removal to the Eye Workhouse, and the Jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

IS OBESITY THE RESULT OF RICH DIET?

Fat begins to accumulate as soon as the system has attained its full development, and will go on increasing, if not checked, until the decline of life; then it ought again to decrease. Independently of the importance of fat as a non-conducting substance in impeding the too rapid escape of animal heat, it may be regarded as a store of material to compensate for waste of tissue under sickness or other circumstances entailing temporary abstinence from food. Most writers consider that obesity is promoted by a rich dietary, corporeal inactivity, tranquility of mind, &c.; and, although admitting these to be conducive to the formation of fat, I am of opinion, writes Mr. F. C. Russell, the eminent specialist on "Corpulency and the Cure" (256 pages), which is the title of a book now going through the press with the eighteenth edition, that obesity arising from such causes solely is comparatively rare. There is a diseased state of the system which independently of all these influences will increase the production and deposition of fat. We are of this gentleman's opinion. Mr. Russell, however, does not leave his readers who suffer from obesity "in the lurch," for he prescribes a remedy, and a most effectual one too, consisting solely of herbs, which do not contain a particle of any deleterious ingredient, and yet he can reduce a person's weight from 2lbs. to even 10lbs. a week without having to swallow nauseous physic or resort to drastic measures. This successful combination of vegetable extracts was not obtained without considerable research and painstaking investigation. It is rather pleasant to take, three small doses will in many instances reduce from 1lb. to 3lbs. in the short space of twenty-four hours. However, the cost of the book is only four stamps, and can be obtained direct from Mr. Russell, Woburn House, Store Street, London, W.C. There are matters highly interesting to stout persons to be gleaned from his book, also hundreds of letters (reprinted) from persons describing the particulars and various fluctuating weights after taking so much of the compound. These are not the ordinary stereotyped sort of quack testimonial, but really from intelligent persons who can certify to the extraordinary results of the medicine, in many cases to invite public attention to the marked effects demonstrated.

The following are extracts from other journals

GOOD NEWS FOR STOUT PERSONS.

It does not follow that a person need to be the size of Sir John Falstaff to show that he is unhealthily fat. According to a person's height so should his weight correspond, and this standard has been prepared by Mr. F. C. Russell, of Woburn House, Store Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C., so that anyone can see at a glance whether or not he is too stout. People in the past have been wont to regard fatness as constitutional, and something to be laughed at rather than to be prescribed for seriously; but this is evidently an error, as persons whose mode of life has caused a certain excess of flesh require treating for the cause of that excess, not by merely stopping further increase, but by removing the cause itself. It is marvellous how this "Pasteur" and "Koch" of English discoverers can actually reduce as much as 14 lb. in seven days with a simple herbal remedy. His book (256 pages) only costs 6d., and he is quite willing to afford all information to those sending as above. It is really well worth reading.—*Forget-me-Not.*

HOW TO BECOME THIN AND WELL.

Mr. F. Cecil Russell, of Woburn House, 27, Store Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C., has issued a very useful book (256 pages) on this subject. It deals with the origin of fat, shows the dangers of an excess of fat, and discusses the numerous remedies hitherto adopted for reducing fat. The book, which is well worth reading, contains a large number of testimonials from persons who have benefited by Mr. Russell's process. It is now in the press for the seventeenth edition. Its cost is only 6d. stamps. It is most extraordinary how he has quite exploded the theories of the medical profession. He claims that as a person becomes more healthy under his treatment he requires more food, yet his weight is being reduced sometimes at the rate of 10lb. a week on botanical preparations only. Our great Continental therapeutical "big-wigs" will have to look to their laurels in earnest.—*Salisbury Times.*

A POSITIVE REMEDY FOR CORPULENCE.

Any remedy that can be suggested as a cure or alleviation for stoutness will be heartily welcomed. We have recently received a well-written book, the author of which seems to know what he is talking about. It is entitled "Corpulency, and the Cure" (256 pages), and is a cheap issue (only 6d.), published by Mr. F. C. Russell, of Woburn House, Store Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C. Our space will not do justice to this book; send for it yourself. It appears that Mr. Russell has submitted all kinds of proofs to the English press. The editor of the *Tablet*, the Catholic organ, writes:—"Mr. Russell does not give us the slightest loophole for a doubt as to the value of his cure; for in the most straightforward and matter-of-fact manner he submitted some hundreds of original and unsolicited testimonial letters for our perusal, and offered us plenty more, if required. To assist him to make this remedy known, we think we cannot do better than publish quotations from some of the letters submitted. The first one, a marchioness, writes from Madrid:—'My Son, Count ——, has reduced his weight in twenty-two days 16 kilos, *i.e.* 34lb.' Another writes: 'So far (six weeks from commencement of following your system) I have lost fully two stone in weight.' The next (a lady) writes: 'I am just half the size.' A fourth 'I find it is successful in my case. I have lost 8lb. in weight since I commenced (two weeks).' Another writes: 'A reduction of 18lb. in a month is a great success.' A lady from Bournemouth writes: 'I feel much better, have less difficulty in breathing, and can walk about.' Again a lady says:—'It reduced me considerably not only in the body but all over.'" The author is very positive. He says: "Step on a weighing machine on Monday morning and again on Tuesday, and I can guarantee that you have lost 2lb. in weight without the slightest harm, and vast improvement in health through ridding the system of unhealthy accumulations."—*Cork Herald.*

FITS OR EPILEPSY. Giddiness, Sensations Faints, I will demonstrate to the whole world how that most dreadful of all complaints, "Epilepsy," which has been hitherto considered incurable, can be permanently cured (*without the chance of failure*).—Write to the "Secretary," Burwood House, Burwood Place, Hyde Park, London, he will send you "Gratis," full instructions for cure.

DEATH FROM ASPHYXIA AT IPSWICH.

The Ipswich Borough Coroner on Monday held an enquiry at the London Road Board School into the death of Mrs. Maria Louisa Wright, wife of Mr Charles Wright, veterinary surgeon, of Orford Street It appeared that the deceased was in her usual state of health on Saturday night, but early the following morning he heard her making a noise as though she were choking. Medical aid was summoned, but Mrs. Wright expired before the arrival of the doctor. It was discovered that the deceased had suffered for sometime from tumour in the throat, which occasioned difficulty in breathing.—Mr. J. L. Aymé-Aymard stated that on examination he discovered serious gland troubles in the neck, and he attributed death to asphyxia.—Verdict, "Death from natural causes."

THREATENING A SISTER AT IPSWICH.

At the Ipswich Police Court on Monday a strongly built young man named George Rivett Hyem, living at the Belvedere Farm, was charged with assaulting his sister, Caroline Hyem. The defendant, who had been employed on the farm, had been given a week's notice to leave, and believing that his sister was the cause of it, on Saturday morning he made his way into her bedroom, and there an altercation took place. She alleged that he came to the bed and threatened her, and that two hours afterwards, while she was walking along the Woodbridge Road on her way to her work, he struck her on the shoulder and wrist. A little girl named Ada Fletcher Stannard, who was in the bedroom, and a constable spoke to overhearing certain language used. Defendant called his mother and a young sister who denied that any threatening language was used "while they were there." Defendant was bound over in a sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months, and had to pay 16s. costs.

A SEXTON SAVED FROM THE GRAVE.

The *Lancaster Guardian* reports a narrow escape of a highly respectable and intelligent man, who was interviewed by its reporter.

Mr. Samuel Fern, of Brookhouse, Caton, near Lancaster, is (says the reporter) well known to the clergy and parishioners there, having been gravedigger at Brookhouse Church for a number of years. He is upwards of seventy years of age, which makes his escape the more remarkable. He has, it appeared, had two strokes of paralysis, the latter of which last year deprived him of the entire use of one side. It is pretty generally agreed among medical men that this form of paralysis (called medically "hemiplegia," which means halfpalsy) is incurable, and Mr. Fern says that he had no use in his arms and could not work. His speech was also affected, so that no one could understand him

"However," said he, "we read in one of the Lancaster papers about the other cases that have been cured after everything failed, and I got a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They are not like ordinary medicine. They cure people who don't get any good from doctors."

Mr. Fern had been attended by skilled doctors, but they could not cure him.

"You've no idea what it was like," he said to the reporter. "My limbs ached until I could hardly bide; I couldn't walk, and it took me more than an hour to dress myself in a morning. After using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, two or three days made a wonderful difference. I began to feel better at once, and I kept mending. It wasn't very long before I could manage to get about by myself a bit, and now I can get along quite comfortably. I can use my hands and arms right enough, and before I couldn't move them a bit." Saying this, Mr. Fern moved his arms and hands quite vigorously, and also gave ocular demonstration that he could get over the ground tolerably well by the aid of his stick.

This is a somewhat remarkable case. There is no doubt that, so far as ordinary medicine could go, the worthy sexton was on the brink of the grave. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills score their greatest successes in cases which ordinary medicine and doctors' treatment fail to touch, and they are so safe and simple that the discoverer (who is no quack or nostrum-monger, but a properly graduated physician) put them before the world, to be used without even a doctor's prescription. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a sure remedy for such diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, St. Vitus' dance, nervous headache, scrofula, chronic erysipelas, &c. They restore pale and sallow complexions to the glow of health, and are specific for troubles peculiar to the female, while in men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from worry, overwork, or excess of any nature. Manufactured by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, 46, Holborn Viaduct, London, at 2s. 9d. a box, or six boxes 13s. 9d. Never sold in bulk, or by the dozen or hundred; substitutes are fraudulent; the box must be in a pink wrapper, bearing the *full name*, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

MARKETS.

Ipswich Corn, Tuesday.—Wheat a small supply and a firmer trade at 1s. per qr. more money; reds 18s. to 20s., whites 19s. to 24s. per qr. Barley, a good average supply, a great part of which was unsaleable except at feeding prices; fair malting sorts 18s. to 28s. fine up to 36s. per qr., but with very little of the latter offering. Maize and grinding barley 3d. to 6d. per qr. dearer. Beans, peas, and oats steadier. Feeding stuffs slow.

Ipswich Cattle, Tuesday.—This being the first market since the withdrawal of the restrictions as to swine, there was an exceedingly large entry of these animals, among them being a quantity of stores. No less than 1,140 were shown in the new pens, and on all sides great satisfaction was expressed at the withdrawal of an Order which could not under the circumstances have been otherwise than a useless one and of the greatest absurdity. Unfortunately the effect has been in the long run the greatest loss to the farmer, and it is another instance of how the Legislature saddle this unfortunate class with burdens which at the present time they are little able to bear. There were very few sheep on sale and store cattle were not in large numbers. Total animals penned, exclusive of sale yards: 350 fat and store cattle, 170 sheep, 1,142 swine, 78 horses.—At Messrs. Spurling and Sons' saleyard there was rather a better show of beasts on offer, which met an improved trade with prices slightly against the buyer, neat little homefed beasts from Mr. W. H. Richardson, Lawford, being much in demand. There was a good show of sheep, both shearlings and hoggets. Good sheep from Mr. Spencer Dawson's made 66s. 6d.; Mr. C. H. Berners' 65s. 6d.; Messrs. Hyems' 62s. 6d.; Mr. E. Cooper's 64s. 6d. Very good hoggets from Mr. Richardson and Mr. John Symonds made up to 55s. The pig pens were very well filled, and with all restrictions removed trade may be quoted better all round. Several useful lots of stores were much in demand at satisfactory prices. Numbers penned—78 fat beasts, 176 sheep, 215 swine.

Bury Corn, Wednesday.—Wheat: Trade restricted, on account of the small supply and high pretensions of holders, who, on a 1s. per qr. advance in foreign sorts, were demanding 2s. to 2s. 6d. per qr. more money for English; reds, to sell, may be quoted at 18s. to 19s. 6d.; whites, at 19s. to 23s. per qr. Barley firm for good samples, at 26s. to 36s. per qr., but weak for others, at 16s. to 24s. per qr.; foreign grinding sorts, 3d. to 6d. per qr. dearer. Beans (old) firm, at 31s. to 33s. per qr.; new quiet, at 22s. to 26s. per qr. Oats, 1s. to 2s. per qr. dearer, at 16s. to 19s.; black, at 15s. to 16s. per qr.; fine Petersburg (old), 20s. 6d. to 21s. 6d. per 336 lbs. Maize 1s. per qr. dearer, at 21s. 6d. to 22s. 6d. per qr. Feeding stuffs a trifle steadier.

Bury Cattle, Wednesday.—In the general market there was a fair supply of store beasts, including some Irish cattle. The demand was not equal to the supply, and the business assumed a somewhat dragging character. In the sheep department there was a moderate show. Trade was inclined to be dull, the wet weather apparently militating against the attendance of purchasers. No material drop in price was, however, perceptible. Some fine tups were exhibited, but they did not seem to be much in demand.

Bungay Corn, Thursday.—There was a good attendance at market to-day. Wheat was in quiet request for dry samples. Barley trade very irregular. Millers' offals and feeding stuffs quiet.

Harleston Corn, Wednesday.—Wheat a small show, and worth more money. Barley a large supply, mostly poor, and difficult to sell. Oats and maize rather dearer. Beans and peas without alteration. Feeding stuffs still very cheap and difficult to sell.

Saxmundham Corn, Wednesday.—Wheat 1s. per quarter dearer. Barleys in very variable condition. Maize a little better trade. Other feeding stuffs firm.

Stowmarket Corn, Thursday.—Wheat, supply small, and not much business doing, holders' prices being above buyers' ideas; reds, to sell, 18s. to 19s 6d.; whites, 19s. to 22s. 6d. per qr. Barley without change, the bulk of the supply being of rather poor quality and low in value, with fine bright samples firm and inquired for at last week's prices. Feeding corns generally dearer.

Woodbridge Corn, Thursday.—A small show of wheat on offer here to day, and the trade fully 1s. per qr. dearer. A slow market for barleys except for the bright samples, which are scarce. Wheat, white, 22s. to 23s.; red, 20s. to 22s.; barley, superior, 32s. to 36s.; seconds, 24s. to 30s. per qr.

London Agricultural Seed Trade, Wednesday.—Messrs. John Shaw and Sons, seed merchants, of Great Maze Pond, Borough, London, S.E., report to-day's market thinly attended. For winter tares and seed rye, there is a lessened request. Lower quotations than have ever before been known now prevail for new mustard and rapeseed. Ryegrasses continue exceedingly dull. A few sales are reported of American alsyke; very tempting rates for same are now current. White cloverseed continues exceedingly dear; no attention is at present given to either red clover or trefoil seeds. In neither canaryseed nor hempseed is there any important change. Scarlet runners have advanced in price. Blue peas and haricot beans are steady. Linseed tends downwards.

Stratford Market, week ending Wednesday.—This market has been well supplied with all kinds of produce during the past week, and with a large attendance of buyers a brisk trade was done at the undermentioned prices:—Cabbages (collards), 2s. to 2s. 6d. per tally; savoys 2s. to 4s. per tally; greens, 3s. to 4s. per tally; cauliflowers, 3s. to 4s. per tally; potatoes (dark land), 50s. to 55s. per ton; ditto (light land), 60s. to 75s. per ton; turnips, 1s. 9d. to 2s. 6d. per dozen bunches; carrots (household), 30s. to 40s. per ton; ditto (cattle feeding), 25s. to 32s. per ton; parsnips, 7d. to 9d. per score; mangolds, 10s. to 15s. per ton; swedes, 14s. to 18s. per ton; hay, 65s. to 80s. per load; straw, 30s. to 40s. per load; clover, 75s. to 95s. per ton; chaff, 65s. to 110s. per ton; horse mixture, 95s. to 105s. per ton; oats, 12s. 6d. to 17s. 6d. per qr.; maize, 21s. to 24s. per qr.; barley, 12s. 6d. to 13s. 9d. per qr. beans, 38s. to 42s. 6d.; peas, 30s. to 32s.; onions (English), 3s. 6d. to 4s. per bag; ditto (Dutch), 2s. to 3s. per bag; apples (English), 2s. 6d. to 4s. per bushel; ditto (American), 12s. to 14s. per barrel; pears, 3s. to 3s. 6d. per sieve; 1s. 9d. to 2s. per half-sieve; cucumbers, 1s. to 1s. 6d. per doz.; tomatoes, English, 4s. to 5s. per doz lbs.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

[BY LONDON CORRESPONDENT.]

FRIDAY MIDNIGHT.

An amusing story, started by the *Birmingham Mail*, is going the rounds of the Press. It is a really good one, so I make no apology for including it in my gossip, writes a London correspondent.—"An enthusiastic lady-friend" had obtained a "pass" from the manager of one of the Birmingham theatres in virtue of being a relative of the company appearing there at the time. He saw the performance, was delighted with it, and was eager to convey to others—at least a portion of the pleasure he had himself experienced. So after the show had ended he again interviewed the manager, and expressed his entire satisfaction with the entertainment, saying he had enjoyed it so greatly that he should like very much to be permitted to bring his father and mother on the following evening. "Haven't you any sisters, or cousins, or aunts?" quoth the manager in his blandest manner. "Oh, yes!" said the other gravely, as one reminded of something he had unaccountably forgotten; and sure enough he turned up next night at the head of a party of seven. The manager owned himself beaten, and meekly passed the crowd in. Then he soliloquised: "I see I ignored the 'one with a twinkle in his eye.' Sarcasm is apt to be a dangerous weapon in this world of ours, for some people are so literal."

There are plenty of precedents in recent years for having common law men for the offices both of Attorney-General and Solicitor-General. This was the case in Mr. Gladstone's first Administration, when the late Sir Robert Collier and Sir Roundell Palmer, the late Lord Selborne, and Sir William Harcourt, held the positions. When Mr. Disraeli came into power in 1874 the old condition of things was reverted to, and Sir R. Baggallay—a Chancery man—and Sir John Holker became the Law Officers of the Crown; but Holker became the Lord Chief Justice in the case of Sir John Bigby, Sir R. Baggallay was appointed to a seat in the Court of Appeal, a common law man in the person of the late Lord Chancellor, Lord Halsbury, then Sir Hardinge Lord Chancellor, Lord Halsbury, then Sir Hardinge Giffard, took his place. In the long Conservative Government of 1886-92 the orthodox condition of things was observed, Sir E. Webster and Sir R. Finlay being the law officers, though the abilities of the former are such as to make him as much at home in the Queen's Bench as in the Chancery Division. Mr. Gladstone adhered to the plan two years ago, selecting the present Lord Chief Justice of England and Sir John Bigby, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland for Lord Russell, who has followed by Lord Rosebery when Lord Russell became a judge.

I find, says a London correspondent, that great dissatisfaction prevails in military circles at the persistent manner in which the Postmaster-General has frustrated the desire to provide employment for discharged soldiers in the Post Office. There is no doubt that Sir James Fergusson's purpose was to eventually have as many as 16,000 places open to the soldiers, and until the influence of Mr. Arnold Morley had had its effect this purpose seemed to be in a fair way towards realisation. Mr. Morley has, however, deliberately departed from the policy of his predecessor, and at the moment the number of men employed by old soldiers at the new Post Office is half what it was under the régime of Sir James Fergusson. No doubt the knowledge of this is having an effect on recruiting. If further proof were required it could easily be directed to the fact. Session public advertisements have invariably asked for Balliols but have always snubbed old soldiers and sailors. They seem now to be turning their attention to fitters, for the news comes from Chatham that "a considerable number of fitters" have received notice of discharge.

There is to be a great School Board contest in London next month. The principal issue has been so confused by public opinion—a correspondent thinks—that people have no definite idea what the controversy is all about. As I pointed out the Bible is read in the schools without comment, and a certain number of Churchmen are anxious that the principal doctrine of Christianity should be explained to the children by the teachers. There is not a question of denominationalism at all; it is simply one of Christianity. Of course, the Radical party is opposed to such explanation, and the situation has brought about a rupture between the Radicals and the Roman Catholics, more especially Irish. Dr. Vaughan advises the Roman Catholics to vote for the Church candidates, whereupon the Radicals have become furious. They talk loudly of priestcraft, sacerdotal tyranny and red-hooked bigotry. Shades of Home Rule! It is not the Radical prepared to hand over a million and a quarter of Protestants in Ireland to the sacerdotal tyrants in return for votes to despoil Protestant churches and legal landlords! However, the unholy alliance between the nonconformists and the Ultramontanes has for the time disappeared, with the result that the children and the ratepayers will get their due.

It is curious to note, however, that while the Radical will hand over his political opponents in Ireland to Roman Catholic priests, he stoutly objects to the priest taking any course against his opinions in England. Mr. Lever lived in fear of the late Home Rule, Mr. Lever lived in fear of the late Home Rule, and acted accordingly. Not living there he is in favour of imposing the hateful thing on other people as good as himself. He calls this a policy of "truth, justice, and righteousness." It really is the policy to secure the Irish vote at any cost—even at the cost of the liberties of hundreds of thousands of men.

Madagascar has long been a field for Nonconformist missionaries, and the indisputable French predominance in the island would mean disaster to that enterprise. Accordingly a political Nonconformist organ accuses Lord Salisbury, of all men in the world, of stooping to Madagascar against the wishes and, as it will probably turn out, against the arms of the people. Madagascar was virtually surrendered to the French, not by Lord Salisbury, but by Mr. Gladstone, who showed recently that he was also prepared to surrender Uganda with its Scotch missionaries to the French Roman Catholic missionaries. It is a shameful thing that these political Nonconformists should act on every possible occasion libel their political opponents.

Mrs. Ormiston Chant, who is responsible for the uproar in London regarding the Empire Music Hall license, is not one of those ladies who conceal their age. She was born in 1848, and was at the outset of her career a teacher, but soon abandoned that department of usefulness, and for 11 years was the lady superintendent of a lunatic asylum. Now her theatrical days all belong to the past, and the up-bringing of her own family, which consists of three boys and a girl. Mrs. Chant, unlike some of the lady reformers, dresses in a particularly neat and tasteful fashion; indeed, her dresses have sometimes caused a flutter in the more Puritanical ladies with whom she is associated. She has also given offence on many occasions to more narrow-minded colleagues by her outspoken and unconventional advice to poor girls. Her instance, it is said, is known that it was a high and natural thing for girls to try and look their best, and that none of them should be ashamed to show their undergarments or their boots, whereas female old-fogeydom has been shocked. The worst Mr. Stopford Brooke has said in the purest approach to perfection in what a friend and counsellor should be.

Sir Robert Hamilton has got his reward for drafting the Home Rule Bill. Lord Rosebery has appointed him chairman of the Board of Customs at a salary of £2,000 a year with a splendid pension. Of course he does not know anything about customs, and he will have to be taught the elements of the business by some experienced official who will now be his subordinate. That is Gladstonism all over.

The Globe is responsible for the following:—"A disgusted Ministerialist down at Birkenhead is reported to have expressed himself thus: 'How could we expect to win with such a bad candidate? It wasn't likely that the great unwashed would vote for a soap manufacturer. No, sir, the dregs of the population naturally preferred the lees.'"

IPSWICH HAIRDRESSERS' ASSOCIATION CONCERT.

The second successful smoking concert of the season took place at the Unicorn Hotel, on Thursday evening, when upwards of 50 hairdressers and friends were present, and evidently appreciated a rather lengthy programme. Mr. S. G. Knights presided, while Mr. F. Willen occupied the vice-chair. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed in appropriate terms by Mr. F. Hastings, coupling with it the name of Mr. J. Wilson, who returned thanks in a few well-chosen remarks. The healths of the Chairman and Vice-chairman received musical honours. Programme:—Song, Mr. Bigge; character, parody, "Home Sweet Home," Mr. W. Alcock; recitation, "Home that Jack Built," Amateur; and concert; violin selection, Mr. Sturgess; imitation of bagpipes, Mr. J. Wright; song, Mr. C. Hound; song and dance, Mr. J. Wright; selection, piano and violin, Messrs. J. Wright and W. Read; recitation, "The Arab's farewell to his favourite Steed," Mr. F. A. Alderson; bones and tambo, Messrs. Read and Wright. "She wore a wreath of roses," Mr. A. W. Jacks; song, "Two little girls in blue," Mr. H. Alexander; song in character, "No Class," Mr. Geo. Pallant; song, comic, Mr. Will May.

LORD GEORGE SANGER'S CIRCUS.—This famous hippodramatic circus company, now touring in the East of England, on Tuesday, Oct. 30th, will make their appearance at Stowmarket, the following day at Ipswich, and on Thursday, Nov. 1st and 2nd at Hadleigh, Sudbury, and Colchester respectively. The companies which are amalgamated in this gigantic travelling exhibition, their performances, are announced in another column.

EXTRADITION OF JABEZ BALFOUR.

NEW CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

According to the Buenos Ayres correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* a suit has been commenced at Salta against Jabez Balfour on a charge of having carried on fraudulent commercial operations in Argentina. It is considered that this charge will when trumped up in order to counteract the effect of his extradition should it be granted.

EASTERN COUNTIES' DAIRY INSTITUTE.

A dairy class has been started at the Drill Hall, Wymondham, by Miss Blackshaw, head teacher of the Eastern Counties' Dairy Institute. Both butter-making and cheese-making are taught, and the proceedings have aroused much interest. The pupils of the same institution, has just concluded a very successful class here at Sedd Cheese. The attendance of working girls being exceptionally large, necessitating the employment of an assistant teacher.

A COLONEL'S STRANGE DEATH.

Col. Granville Waddilove, aged 63, late of the 4th Lancashire Regiment, and residing at 78, Talbot Road, Bayswater, was on Thursday last found sitting in his chair quite dead by the side of the fireplace. He had just finished dinner and was alone in the bachelor fashion. At the inquest on Monday Dr. Earle said that death was due to asphyxia and syncope, following ingestion of a piece of food in the vocal cord, causing spasm of the windpipe. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from misadventure."

A KENT RECTOR IN TROUBLE.

At Malling Police Court, the Rev. W. Fraser, rector of Offham, near Maidstone, was summoned for committing perjury. The allegations of the prosecution were that defendant, when giving evidence in the County Court, obtained a loan of £100 from the Clerical and Medical Advance Bank, by making a declaration before a commissioner that he was the absolute owner of property £120, whereas he owed upwards of £1,000. The declaration also stated that the furniture was of the value of £300, and that it was unsold for £258. Mr. Fraser was committed for trial.

SENSATIONAL AFFAIR AT COLCHESTER.

ROMANTIC DISCLOSURES.

Romantic disclosures were made before Coroner Church at Colchester on Wednesday at an inquest on Frank Braybrook, who hung himself in a cart-shed. He was engaged to a widow, and was to be married next week. Braybrook had approved of the will of the deceased's sister went to the widow's house and suggested breaking off the match. The widow threatened to commit suicide if Braybrook left her, and he went and hanged himself. A verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" was returned. The widow was present at the inquest, but decided not to call her, and the Coroner suggested that the police should watch her, lest she carried out her threat.

AGRICULTURAL DEPRESSION.

IS THIS THE PRECURSOR OF MORE?

The statement of affairs of Charles Bullock, farmer, of Bradfield St. George, who has been adjudged a bankrupt, shows a deficiency of £71 1s. 2d. The debtor's liabilities amount to £3,403, while the assets are estimated to produce £367 after the deduction of £20 for distrainable rent. The assets include £200 by corn, £100 by stock, and £50 the value of the farming stock. The debtor commenced business about five years ago, having then £300 to his credit. This sum he acquired borrowed from a relative. He attributed his failure to the low price of agricultural produce, and said that if times had been better than they were he would have been able to pay everybody. The rent of the property was £40 a-year. The landlord had distrained for a year's rent, and the receiving order was made, and he had sold the farm stock and furniture to satisfy his distress.

ITALY AND SOCIALISM.

THE GOVERNMENT CLOSE EVERY SOCIALIST

An unmistakable sensation has been caused in all political circles in Rome by the publication of a Government decree summarily proclaiming the dissolution of all Socialist associations and organisations throughout Italy, and declaring it a penal offence from this date to promote such societies or to hold meetings for the avowal or advancement of Socialist principles. It is generally regarded that such difficulty will be experienced in enforcing so drastic a measure, and the necessity for wholesale arrests in Deputies' circles is already existent. Later advices state that a number of clubs have closed, and the furniture and literature seized.

THE FRIED FISH NUISANCE.

At Penge Petty Session, on Tuesday, Mr. E. Wright, clerk to the Board of Works for the Lewisham district, applied, on a complaint by Drs. Devane and Midwinter, of Maple Road, and other residents, for the grant of a summons under the Public Health Act against John Collins, of 107, Maple Road, Penge, for keeping a fried fish shop, which was a nuisance to the neighbourhood.—The Chairman (Mr. Judd) said the Bench, in dealing with the application, must have regard to the locality in which the business—fried fish, he should think, was not objectionable in itself.—Mr. Wright: In this case it will be a question whether it causes a nuisance. It was an annoyance to the neighbourhood. It is not necessary to prove that it is injurious to the health of the neighbourhood.—The Chairman said that, having regard to the people living in the neighbourhood, this shop might be a nuisance, but it would have been more satisfactory to have had a representation from the inhabitants.—Mr. Wright said he had a memorial from residents.—The Chairman said the summons would be granted.

AN ALDEBURGH "VET." CHARGED WITH CRUELTY TO A HORSE.

On Wednesday, at the Woodbridge Petty Sessions, Edward T. Coe, veterinary surgeon, was charged on behalf of Inspector Blake, of the R.S.P.C.A., with cruelty to a horse at Wickham Market, on October 5th.—Mr. Colam, barrister, appeared for the defendant.—Mr. Colam remarked that several witnesses for the prosecution were in attendance, and he had come down specially from London. He must, therefore, ask the Magistrates granted defendant's application it should be on the understanding that the defendant paid the expenses of the day, and left before he left the Court. On the defendant agreeing to do so the case was adjourned for a fortnight, the costs amounting to £3 8s. 2d.

CITY OF LONDON HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

ADDRESS BY THE VICAR OF BENTLEY.

The annual harvest thanksgiving service of the City of London was held at the church of St. Laurence Jewry, on Sunday last, when the preacher was the Rev. H. W. Beachcroft, vicar of Bentley, Hull, and rural dean of Semford. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs and Common Councilmen were present in state, and after the service the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the clergy at luncheon. The church of St. Laurence Jewry is a well-known object in the heart of the City close to the Guildhall. The vane is in the form of a gridiron, symbolical of the death the patron saint is supposed to have suffered by martyrdom. The present incumbent is the Rev. Maic S. A. Walrond, a relative of Mr. H. H. Walrond, the county auditor for Suffolk.

THE POLICEMAN'S STRUGGLE WITH A BURGLAR.

Police-constable Pipes's burglar was brought before the Recorder at the Old Bailey, on Monday afternoon, and further progress was made with the curious story of his terrible midnight struggle. The Recorder was so impressed that he ordered £5 to be paid to Pipes in recognition of his pluck.—The divisional surgeon stated that the tendon of Pipe's thumb is completely severed. On Tuesday he is going into St. Thomas's Hospital, where they will try to splice the two ends of the tendon. If the operation fails Pipes will have to lose the end joint of his thumb. It was shown that the prisoner, Edward Pardoe, had undergone a previous imprisonment for larceny from a dwelling-house. He is well educated, and was a clerk in the Prudential Assurance Company's chief office till 1892. He is also "a good man with his hands," and has won several prize for boxing. The Recorder sent him up for three years.

IPSWICH LABOURERS CONVICTED OF FERRET STEALING.

At the Woodbridge Sessions, on Wednesday, William Fitch and Henry Markham, of Ipswich, laborers, were charged with stealing four ferrets, value 10s., the property of Charles Taylor, of Wickham Market, on the 2nd October.—Prosecutor stated that the ferrets were on his premises at 5.30 on the 2nd October, but the next day at noon they were gone.—Mrs. Eliza Fitch, of Ipswich, said she was sorry to say defendant Fitch was her son. In consequence of the police going to her she went to see her son, and from him and his wife told her she took a bag to Wickham Market and gave it to prosecutor, who, she believed, carried the ferrets in it.—Fitch said the bag handed to him by witness contained one of his ferrets.—Henry Goodchild, of Ipswich, deposed that he had known defendant Markham for 12 years. Markham had a ferret of Fitch's, giving him 3s. for it.—Police-constable Reeve, on the 11th October, saw defendant at his house. Defendant said he had been before the Magistrates at 5.30 on the 2nd October, but the next day at noon they were gone.—Mrs. Eliza Fitch, of Ipswich, said she was sorry to say defendant Fitch was her son. In consequence of the police going to her she went to see her son, and from him and his wife told her she took a bag to Wickham Market and gave it to prosecutor, who, she believed, carried the ferrets in it.—Fitch said the bag handed to him contained one of his ferrets.—Henry Goodchild, of Ipswich, deposed that he had known defendant Markham for 12 years. Markham had a ferret of Fitch's, giving him 3s. for it.—Police-constable Reeve, on the 11th October, saw defendant at his house. Defendant said he had been before the Magistrates at 5.30 on the 2nd October, but the next day at noon they were gone.—Miss